

Voters say 'NO' to school bond proposal

By Terry Wright
News Editor

Crawford County voters rejected an \$11.85 million, 20-year bond proposal from the Crawford AuSable School District (CASD) on Tuesday. The issue was turned down by a 1,314 to 1,205 vote tally.

The proposal sought to finance the construction of a second elementary school complex adjacent to the current

Grayling Elementary School to relieve overcrowding.

In addition, some renovation and remodeling would have been done to the current Grayling elementary, Frederic elementary and the Grayling High School. The money also was to be used to allow an additional recreation and playground area to be purchased and developed at the middle school, and to move the Grayling High

School football, located in the city, to the high school site.

Another portion of the money was slated to purchase network pathways in technology for classroom instruction and management.

"I'm very disappointed the voters didn't go for this proposal," said CASD Superintendent Kent Reynolds. "We have to solve the problems somehow, but I'm not sure how to approach the

problem when people say it's not important."

Voters in Grayling Township passed the issue with 1,039 "yes" votes to 1,006 "no." Frederic disapproved the issue by a 125-218 vote and Lovells rejected it with a 90-41 vote.

"The board did not go on record with an alternative," he said. "By law we can't come back to the voters with the same proposal for another six

months. I suspect we'll make substantial changes to the proposal and try again in 45 days.

"Quality programs in education don't come without a price. Too often I think the issue comes down to the school versus the community. The community is saying no to progress. They're saying the education of their children is not important to community progress. They're saying the

community doesn't want to be viewed as a great place to be."

"We need to keep up our schools," Reynolds added. "It's tough to keep up when our budget is in the bottom two or three percent of schools in the state."

The earliest date a new Crawford AuSable School District proposal could come before the voters is Tuesday, Jan. 31.



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SANTA'S ELVES?--No, 1995 Grayling Junior Miss contestants pausing for a group photo during an afternoon of helping children make Christmas decorations at the Grayling Eagle's Club on Saturday, Dec. 10. See related photos on page 4B.

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Jury selection continues in Marsack trial

By Terry Wright
News Editor

Jury selection in the murder trial of Richard Marsack is continuing in Kalkaska's 46th Circuit Court.

The selection of jurors began on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Judge William Porter, who is presiding over the case said the selection process is expected to take a substantially additional amount of time.

It is believed that 16 jurors will be selected from among the hundreds of citizens who were called to duty. Each prospective juror was asked to complete an extensive questionnaire prior to their appearances in court.

According to sources, one question which appeared on the questionnaire was, "Do you believe O.J. Simpson is guilty?"

Circuit Court Judge Alton Davis said he is in touch with Porter on a regular, but not daily basis. Davis said all jurors will sit through the trial,

instructions and closing arguments, but the alternates will be excused before adjourning for deliberation.

"Having alternate jurors guarantees there will be 12 left by the time they go into deliberation," Davis said. "A random selection will be used to determine which jurors are excused."

Davis said if Porter finds a full jury soon, he wouldn't be surprised to see the trial recessed until after the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Attorneys in the case had requested, and been granted, a lengthy delay in the trial, while awaiting DNA test analysis results of evidence.

The trial had been moved from Grayling's courtroom when Porter became convinced a change of venue was necessary for Marsack to receive a fair trial.

In earlier proceedings, Porter said the publicity in the case had been, "grossly unfair and irresponsible."

46th Circuit Court officials were apparently ordered not to release any information concerning where or when the trial would commence.

Marsack, 47, is accused in the July 13, 1993 ambush-style slaying of Grayling DNR employee Terry Barr. Barr was shot in the back with a 12-gauge shotgun slug when he stopped his vehicle to remove a downed tree blocking the road.

Barr was apparently on his way to work at the Grayling DNR field office where he was a waterways access sites supervisor. Marsack worked for Barr as an access sites operator.

Marsack was arrested on July 15, 1993 at Detroit Metro Airport, when he disembarked from a flight originating in Traverse City.

Since his arrest, Marsack has been lodged in the Crawford County Jail. During trial proceedings he is required to be present in court on a daily basis.

Once the jury is selected, Crawford County Prosecuting Attorney John Huss and Marsack's defense attorney Richard Zipser will give their opening statements prior to calling witnesses to the stand.

Huss had said several weeks ago, he expects the trial to last up to 10 to 12 weeks.

If convicted of Barr's murder, Marsack faces a state mandated sentence of life imprisonment.

Coy says he will take office despite incompatibility

Former county commissioner William Coy is facing a dilemma. After winning the recent election, Coy says he will take the oath of office as a Crawford County commissioner for another term beginning Jan. 1, 1995, despite a judge's ruling of incompatibility of office which led to Coy's resignation prior to the election.

In early November, visiting Circuit Court Judge J. Richard Ernst had ruled that Coy had incompatible positions

as a commissioner and as the Lovells Township assessor.

Ernst ruled that if Coy didn't resign one of the positions, he would be forced to resign his assessor position.

Coy's dilemma, he says, is that he wants to be a commissioner, but the job doesn't pay enough to support his family. His position as assessor has provided his main livelihood and he can't afford to give it up.

Coy had resigned his seat on the

county board of commissioners shortly after the ruling, but it was too late to remove his name from the general election ballot. After his resignation, he had campaigned for his wife, Mary, as a write-in candidate, but with his name already on the ballot, he was an easy victor receiving 450 votes to only 91 for his wife.

After the win, Coy said he would have to resign again or not take the oath of office to allow for a replacement

either through appointment of special election. Now he says his plans are to take the oath and stay on the board.

"At this point in time, I think I'm going to stay on-board," Coy said. "I'm planning to take the oath of office right after Christmas, although I may have to resign again."

Coy declined to comment on whether he will resign from his township position in order to remain on the commission.

Coy has served as a 3rd District commissioner for a total of almost four years in two non-concurrent terms. He also served as the Maple Forest Township supervisor, his township of residence, for one three-year term.

Looking at his years on the commission, Coy said, "One of my concerns was the landfill. I think we brought a few things to light on it. I think we're able to have a little more control now."

"In the next two years, the landfill and the jail will continue to be big issues. I feel the voters should be able to decide the major issues. The sale of the landfill and whether or not to build this jail should have come up for a public vote."

"We could fix our jail and even add more beds for a lot less than \$2 million," he added.

Coy said he thinks the next two years will bring another controversy to the commission when it begins to deal with the old fish hatchery building.

"Some want the old building remodeled, others want it torn down," he said. "I'd like to see us looking for grant money to turn it into a museum. That was the intention of Allen Lowe when he fought for it, and that was the intention of Gov. Engler when he signed it over to us."

He also said he expects to see the city park dam become an issue. He said people in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and others belonging to local fishing

organizations would like to see the dam removed.

One of the most important issues the board is dealing with now is the county-wide master plan proposal, Coy said.

"I want to see the master plan go through for this county. We need to plan our development," he said. "The county board needs to get behind it 100 percent."

According to Coy, one of the biggest problems the board has faced recently is its public image.

"Some board members have to change the way they deal with people," Coy said. "We don't need any more bad publicity. This is a good county and it's time the personal vendettas end. We have to get back to representing the people."

He said he looks forward to working with new board members John Hartman and Bruce Bretzke when their terms in office begin in January.

"I don't know them very well," he said, "but I think they will come in with new ideas. I just hope they're not 'yes' people."

1994 firearm deer harvest up five percent in safest season ever

226,000 deer makes season seventh most productive

An estimated 226,000 white-tailed deer were harvested during Michigan's Nov. 15-30 hunting season this year. This is an increase of five percent over the 215,670 deer taken in 1993. In addition, the 1994 firearm deer season was the safest on record.

"This year's centennial of Michigan's first licensed firearm deer

season has been the safest in the state's history," said Department of Natural Resources Director Roland Harmes. "I commend the 2,500 volunteer hunter safety instructors who conduct courses and certify about 32,000 new hunters each year. We have them to thank for the improvement in safety statistics."

"We've also seen an increase in the

harvest," Harmes continued. "Deer hunters reported excellent hunting conditions, which allowed them to spend more time afield. Check station data indicated a large number of 1 1/2-year-old deer in the herd this year, which partially accounted for the 9-percent increase in the buck kill. A reduction in the number of antlerless licenses issued by the DNR resulted in a 5-percent decline in the antlerless harvest. Overall, hunters seemed pleased with the firearm season."

This year's firearm season is estimated as the seventh best in the state's history. Each year, the deer harvest is estimated by a survey of southbound hunter traffic throughout the 16-day firearm deer season. This survey has provided an early, accurate estimate for more than three decades. Final harvest figures, which will be available in July, will be based on a mail survey of this year's deer hunters.

Wildlife managers expect the December muzzleloading and archery deer seasons to provide good hunting this month.

1994 firearm deer harvest traffic survey estimate

(1993 final estimates in parentheses)

	Bucks	Antlerless	Total
Upper Peninsula	42,000 (35,010)	11,000 (7,320)	53,000 (42,330)
Northern Lower Peninsula	61,000 (59,610)	14,000 (23,130)	75,000 (82,740)
Southern Lower Peninsula	65,000 (59,940)	33,000 (30,660)	98,000 (90,600)
Total	168,000 (154,560)	58,000 (61,110)	226,000 (215,670)

1994 firearm deer season accident statistics
18 accidents (15 non-fatal and 3 fatal)

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Polls show Michigan residents support right to death

By Dawn Locniskar
Capital News Service
Retired pathologist Jack Kevorkian's participation in 21 assisted suicides since 1990 has drawn worldwide attention to the issue and its implications.

Surveys taken by various polling organizations consistently show that a majority of Michigan residents support letting the terminally ill choose the time and manner of their death.

Legislators, however, are forging

ahead with several bills designed to enforce a permanent ban on the practice. One of these, Senate Bill 1311, received passage on Wednesday and is also expected to pass the House.

Sen. Jim Berryman, D-Adrian, said during debate on SB 1311, that he believed the majority of state politicians were "grossly out of touch with the average citizens of this state" on the issue of assisted suicide.

Berryman first sought to replace the more restrictive measures of SB 1311 with "death with dignity" legislation similar to that recently approved by Oregon voters.

When that failed to gain acceptance, he introduced a second amendment asking for a ballot item in November, 1996. That failed as well.

Physician-assisted suicide is one of the "three most contentious issues" facing Michigan physicians, according to Dr. W. Peter McCabe, chairman of the board of directors of the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS).

In an October interview, McCabe decried the methods employed by Kevorkian and attorney Geoffrey Fieger, saying MSMS members feel the men "are doing a disservice to the medical community."

The MSMS, nonetheless, has maintained an unchanging stance in opposition to any legislation.

"The issue should not be legislated one way or the other, but instead left to the doctor/patient/family relationship," McCabe wrote in a Dec. 5 letter to *The Detroit News*.

Arrayed against assisted suicide are organizations like Right to Life of Michigan, which has a written policy against euthanasia.

It reads in part, "By establishing an affirmative 'right to die' for the competent, there would be no significant obstacles to applying it to the vulnerable and at-risk members of society, fragile infants, the disabled and the elderly."

Sen. John Kelly, D-Grosse Pointe Woods, took a comparable view during the SB 1311 debate. He painted a scenario of nursing home administrators arbitrarily determining which of their patients would live and which would die.

Some legislators, like Rep. Joseph Palamara, D-Wyandotte, have said

they believe Kevorkian takes undue advantage of people.

"Preying upon ill people goes against my grain," Palamara said.

"How do you protect the vulnerable in this society who are being abused? You can't write laws for that," said Sen. Fred Dillingham, R-Fowlerville.

Other legislators, like Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, have said they believe in the right of the individual to make their own decision.

"[This is] not a decision that we or anyone else is qualified to make for another human," she said.

Legislators say no to assisted suicide ballot issue

By Dawn Locniskar
Capital News Service

Senate Bill 1311, which would indefinitely extend the state ban on assisted suicide, passed the Senate last week as expected.

In rejecting two amendments that would have put the issue on a forthcoming ballot, senators sent an unexpected message: They do not believe their constituents can decide for themselves whether or not the ban should be extended.

Sen. Jim Berryman, D-Adrian, led the fight against the measure by introducing the first of the two ballot amendments during debate preceding the Dec. 7 vote on final passage of the bill.

Berryman's proposal would have put the issue on the November 1996 ballot. It failed by a 9-vote margin.

Berryman's remarks supported assisted-suicide regulation, rather than the complete absence of legislation.

"I wish we could go back two and one-half years, before Dr. Kevorkian," he said. "We have to have some kind of legislation, some kind of guideline and this is the least intrusive that I've seen in this state or any state."

Others believe the Legislature ought to take more direct action.

"What we have is a mandate of the people to make those hard decisions for them," said Joel Gougeon, R-Bay City.

Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, countered Gougeon's view.

"Let the people decide. Why should you fear the chance to let the people vote? We have put a great many other things on the ballot that are far less important to peoples' lives," he said.

Retiring Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, submitted the second proposed amendment.

It would have put the measure to state voters in a March 1995 special election, and would also have asked voters to "affirm or reject the ban as they saw fit."

Her amendment also failed by a 9-vote margin.

Pollack echoed Faxon's comments, saying she feared "a Legislature that would not allow the public to speak." She also spoke out against Dillingham's bill, calling it "arrogant, self-serving and highly political."

Bill Ballenger, editor of the *Inside Michigan Politics* newsletter and former state legislator, said many legislators subscribe to "the trustee

theory of representation."

He called it "a perfectly acceptable style of representation."

Ballenger said those legislators believe they are chosen or delegated by voters to exercise their best judgment on the issues, and they reject the idea of being the conduit of public sentiment.

"It all comes down to whether people trust you as a person," Ballenger said. "If they have enough confidence in you and your integrity, they will keep you in office."

Ed Rivet, spokesman for Right to Life of Michigan, said he believes citizens had an easier time understanding the property tax amendment last spring than they would a ballot measure on assisted suicide.

"People will look at it and say, 'Is this what I want?'" Rivet said.

The measure now goes before the Republican-controlled House. Rivet said he expects a more difficult fight for passage there, but said he is optimistic it will pass.

"We're very optimistic that the House is going to take hold of it and act very responsibly to put a law in place," Rivet said.

Ballenger sees the resolution of the assisted-suicide issue somewhat differently.

"It is so impractical, so emotional and has such strong feelings with it, that it will never be solved to anyone's satisfaction."

"I think they realize that whatever they do, it'll go to court."

Goodfellow newspapers on sale Dec. 16, 17

Kiwanis of Grayling will be offering the *Goodfellow Newspaper* for a donation at various locations, including Kmart, Glen's, the post office, GSB, and other spots around town on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16 and 17. This fundraiser was made possible by the support of numerous businesses and community-spirited individuals.

Rotary Club names winners

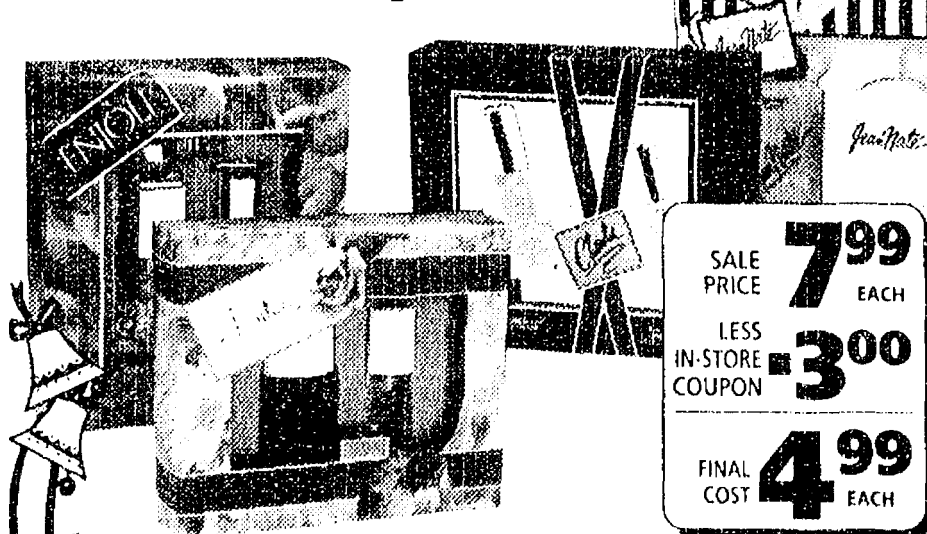
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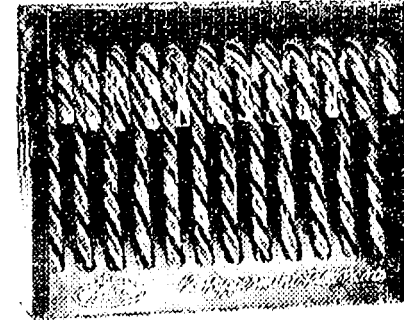
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Community News Briefs

Ideas on holiday prevention of fires

The South Branch Township Fire Department encourages the community to think about fire prevention during this holiday season.

The winter holidays are a time for celebration, and that means more cooking, lots of parties, and a risk of fire. More fires are started by the ignition of Christmas trees.

Follow these fire prevention tips to help keep your family safe during the holidays.

- When burning candles, make sure they are kept away from decorations or other combustible materials. Keep candles away from escape routes.

- Keep children away from unattended lit candles, matches and lighters.

- When decorating with lights, be sure to purchase only those labeled by

a testing laboratory. Check for frayed or damaged cords and replace them.

- With outdoor lighting, don't overload the electrical outlets, always unplug all lights before leaving home or going to sleep. Never put electrical lights on a metal Christmas tree. Use lights labeled for outdoor use.

- Decorate with flame-retardant or noncombustible materials. Provide guests with large, deep ashtrays and check frequently. Check inside and under upholstery for smoldering butts. Use the silent butler (covered ashtray or coffee can with lid).

- Choose a fresh Christmas tree, use a stand that won't tip over. Place tree away from exits and heating sources. Water the tree constantly. If you buy an artificial tree, be sure it's flame retardant.

Community Mental Health says 'goodbye' to Dr. Im

Anton P. Colasacco, director, North Central Community Mental Health, recently announced the resignation of Seuk S. Im, M.D., effective Dec. 30. "We will miss Dr. Im greatly. He not only was totally invested in community services, but brought tremendous expertise to our program," said Colasacco.

Dr. Im has had a relationship with North Central since 1982. After an initial period as psychiatric consultant, Dr. Im joined the North Central staff in January, 1984, as medical director. In offering his resignation, Dr. Im expressed that it was time to pass on his responsibilities to the younger doctors of the agency (Dr. Monteith

and Dr. Melvin, who recently joined North Central) and that winter driving was becoming too much for him.

Dr. Im plans to focus on teaching as a professor at Michigan State University and maintaining a limited practice to keep him busy. He has expressed his, "heart will always be with North Central" and he will remain available as a mentor/colleague to North Central psychiatrists.

An open house/farewell gathering for Dr. Im is set from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 23, at Community Mental Health, 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac. The public is invited and those who have known Dr. Im are encouraged to use this opportunity to say "goodbye."

Local student awarded scholarship from college

Kendra Palmer, a 1992 graduate of Grayling High School, has been awarded a Tartan Award Scholarship by Alma College.

The Tartan Award is given to students ranking in the top 20 percent of their high school class or meeting other academic criteria.

Alma College has recognized the academic achievements of its returning

students for the fall of 1994, with scholarship awards totaling more than \$4 million. More than 60 percent of the approximately 860 upperclassmen will receive these merit-based scholarships, recognizing outstanding academic achievement. In total, Alma College gives \$7.2 million in merit-based and need-based awards to its student body of about 1,300.

Keep mailbox clear of snow for prompt winter delivery

As winter arrives, the rural mail carriers in northern Michigan remind their customers that it is their responsibility to keep the approach to their rural mail boxes accessible to the mail carrier's vehicle.

Mail carriers want to deliver the mail in a timely fashion. It does not help when they must return mail to the post office to reprocess the next day because the mail box is inaccessible due to snow.

The carrier must choose between the risk of getting stuck in deep snow at one uncleared mail box and jeopardizing the mail delivery for the rest of the day, or not to attempt that delivery to insure delivery to the rest of the route. For this reason it is important to have the rural postal patrons understand their responsibility (it is also not the county road commission's responsibility to have the snow cleared from the mail boxes).

Change announced to CASD school calendar

Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent, Kent Reynolds, has announced that students will return to school after the winter break on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

The 1994-95 school calendar lists Monday, Jan 2 as the return to school

day, but because Monday is a legal holiday due to New Year's Day falling on Sunday, school will not reconvene until the 3rd.

To compensate for the Monday holiday, Reynolds said one day will be added to the end of the school year in June, 1995.

Santa to visit Grayling, Dec. 17

On Dec. 17, Santa will be visiting Grayling State Bank from 1 to 5 p.m. Children can bring their Christmas wishes and have their picture taken with Santa. A donation of \$3 per picture is being asked and all proceeds will go for the purchase of toys for the children at River House Shelter in Grayling.

Several area businesses have made donations of film, candy canes, wrapping paper, tape and money to make this a very special Christmas at River House.

Volunteers are needed to help with the wrapping of gifts on Dec. 21. Interested persons may contact Bill Wingfield at 348-8542.

Interlochen Christmas band concert features Grayling musicians

Traditional Christmas carols -- both old and new -- will be performed by the Interlochen Arts Academy Band during its holiday concert on Friday, Dec. 16.

This year's Interlochen band has a definite Grayling flavor with former Grayling High School musical talents, AJ. Stancil and Timothy Febey, now attending Interlochen and both members of the renowned band.

Stancil, who plays the clarinet, is the son of George and Marilyn Stancil and Febey, who plays the trombone, is the son of Rick and Barbara Febey, all of Grayling.

Tickets to the 8 p.m. performance in Corson Auditorium, on the Interlochen campus, are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students 18 and under. Senior citizen tickets are also \$3. All tickets are available at the door.

Concert-goers will be treated to pre-performance entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m. by student ensembles including a flute trio, flute/cello/harp ensemble and Christmas carols sung by members of the Academy Choir and Chorale.

The 78-member Interlochen Arts Academy Band, under the direction of John Stanley Ross, will perform Johann Sebastian Bach's *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, Percy Grainger's *Sussex Mummers Christmas Carol*, and the well-known and loved *Sleigh Ride* by LeRoy Anderson. Also on the varied program will be a John Philip Sousa march *Bullets and Bayonets* and *Russian Christmas Music* by composer Alfred Reed.

Interlochen's 1,200-acre campus is 16 miles south of Traverse City on M-137.

Project Graduation fundraiser supports all night lock-in party

The committees for Grayling High School Project Graduation '95 will hold a fundraiser on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at Burger King. "Anyone purchasing food from Burger King, between the hours of 4 to 7 p.m., will help support the Project Graduation lock-in party for the graduating senior class of

Grayling High School.

Coupons are needed in order for the committees to receive 20 percent of the sales during those hours. Coupons can be picked up at Empire National Bank on the I-75 Business Loop, or The Front Room store (formerly Victoriana), on Michigan Avenue.

CASD board meeting time change

The Crawford AuSable School District Board of Education meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 19, has been changed to convene at 6 p.m. on the same day.

The change became necessary to facilitate parents, faculty and board members who have children involved in other school activities that evening.

The board of education meeting is held monthly in the Grayling Middle School conference room.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader praises work of animal shelter director

To the editor:
We have just adopted our second fine animal from the local animal shelter. This is a public thanks to Dixie Lobsinger for the great job she is doing for our county.

After reading an article recently about Grayling and the animal shelter, I was under the impression the county was going to once again take over the cost of running the shelter. How wrong I was. How many others have the same impression? The county did hire Dixie, part time, 20 hours weekly, as the animal control officer. This means she now has permission to pick up strays, sick or dead animals. But running the shelter is not a 20 hour a

week job! It's all day, seven days a week. Thanks to Dixie and all those who volunteer to help her, she has done a marvelous job. Please keep contributing to the shelter — whether it's money, Glen's green slips, other coupons, etc., or time. All are greatly needed and appreciated.

Thank you, Dixie, keep up the good work; we will continue to help as much as we can. We also hope the City of Grayling and County of Crawford will get their act together, soon, to financially support this very much needed service.

Elaine Westmoreland
Grayling

Who says Grayling isn't a good place to live

To the editor:
I feel good!
I drove down to Kings Orchard to pick up 12 bushels of apples for the Crawford County Christian Help Center to give out for Christmas. When we got back and were unloading when three young men, high school age,

stopped and helped us unload. They were interested in the help center and asked good questions!
It made our day!
Merry Christmas!

Bruce Schroeder
Victor Johnson

Reader says, stifling public opinion is negative

To the editor:
In last week's edition, Whitey Madsen's editorial raised the specter, again, of censorship. He implied that from this point in time, letters to the editor will be required to pass a negative/positive test. Negative and positive are old buzz words used too long in political debates. This community, like all others, really needs to learn the unfiltered truth. In the case of opinion pages, the truth may be deciphered through extra effort, for propaganda and other obvious reasons, but that is a challenge to the reader as it is consumed.

Editorial censorship, like capital punishment, should be utilized in only the most extreme cases. In general the editorial disclaimer serves well

enough, and if ideas and opinions are good or bad, or support versus the status quo, please let the readers decide. Only very seldom does one issue fill a page with letters of opinion, but when it does happen, all viewpoints are of value. A good lesson in life can be learned by saving a letter written in the heat of the moment, for an additional day (or week) and, it may tend to allow for revision. As in all human discourse, a small idea must start as minority view, before it develops into an unquestioned law. Editorial comments, critical of those upstart Wright brothers, were sincere opinions in their day. Please let the readers be the sovereign judges, and through truth, and the truth only, will freedom ring.

Shirley Holley

Group appreciates voters

To the editor:
We appreciate the many area businesses who responded to our request to use their marquees to encourage people to vote in the school millage election on Tuesday. We hope

that many were encouraged to exercise their right.

Karla Paterson, secretary of the
Grayling Elementary Parent
Organization

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten but please double space or use every other line.

Every letter must be signed and an address and phone number should be included. Letters will

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Letters are limited to 500 words.

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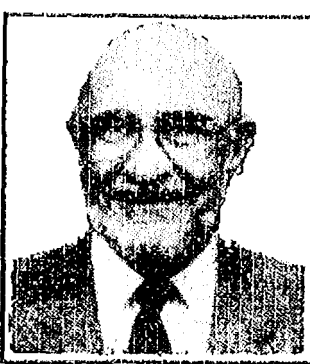
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ALMANACK By Richard Milliman

Legislative pensions should be retired

MICHIGAN LAWMAKERS are adjusting the state's legislative fringe benefit package in light of term limits. Under term limits, the maximum any individual can serve in the legislature is 14 years — three 2-year terms in the House and two 4-year terms in the Senate.

Of course, only about a third of House members, at the maximum, could go on to the Senate. In general, legislative tenure is going to be severely reduced, and a lot more ex-legislators are going to be wandering around the state than before term limits. Forced turnover is one of the points of term limits, of course.

The idea is to take away lawmaking from those who want to make it a career, and entrust it to citizen-legislators, who will serve a short time and then go home and live under the laws they have written.

Pension programs don't fit under the new way at all.

ONE OF THE finest pension plans ever devised awaits the Michigan lawmakers when they leave office, either through defeat or retirement. Anyone who has served at least six years can collect.

A couple of typical cases:

Sen. Debbie Stabenow of Lansing, with 16 years under the dome, can draw \$30,542 when she reaches age 55. The Michigan Manual does not list her age.

Sen. John Pridnia of Hubbard Lake, with 12 years in office, is eligible for \$22,896 a year when he hits 55. He's 51.

Presumably, at 55, both still will have some profitable earning years left.

There are dozens of other examples of big bucks for short service, which

would be the envy of most working folks in Michigan.

This is not all free, of course. Lawmakers contribute nine percent of their pay into the retirement fund, which is higher than in most pension plans.

Even so, it doesn't take long for the pensioned legislator to receive back what's been contributed — usually a couple of years or so.

USING PRESENT salary of \$47,723 to illustrate the point, if contributions had been on that pay level for the entire length of office, Sen. Stabenow would have contributed \$68,720 and Sen. Pridnia \$51,540.

If these two started collecting their pensions in January — which they can't, because of age limitations — it would take only 27 months or less to recoup every dollar they have contributed. After that, it's all fresh money.

Pension payouts also go up every year automatically with a cost-of-living adjustment, which is not figured in these illustrations.

The system is not self-supporting. This year, the state had to put \$3.2 million into the system to keep it financially sound. That's \$902,000 more than the year before, according to a report in *The Lansing State Journal*.

Sens. Pridnia and Stabenow are cited only as examples. Their cases are typical of the 23 lawmakers leaving the capital this year, which in itself adds a potential \$700,000 to annual pension benefits.

It's not a new development, either. The system was in place and working when both these senators first came to Lansing. In all, about 200 past legislators are now collecting pensions, according to a recent *Associated Press* story.

CHANGES THE legislature has considered in the face of term limits are relatively minor.

One would reduce slightly the pay-out formula; but the lawmakers'

contribution rate would go down, too.

Under the proposed new system, for example, outgoing Sen. Pridnia would have been eligible for a pension of about \$17,200 instead of \$22,896 after 12 years in office, and he would have contributed about \$40,000 instead of \$51,540. Pay back time would be about 28 months, instead of 27.

In addition to the pension, former legislators who have served at least five years, and their families, are entitled to lifetime health insurance coverage. There is also a life insurance program, plus survivor pension and health benefits.

All in all, it's a sweetheart package, put into effect years ago, and considered sacred by all legislators up to this point.

Term limits have forced lawmakers to take a serious look at the overall program.

But instead of adjusting pensions, lifelong medical benefits, and other sweetheart fringes, they should be eliminated, pure and simple.

By embracing term limits, the people have decided being a member of the

Michigan legislature is not a career. It should not be treated as one, either. Pensions should go.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

American Viewpoints



If one judges love by the majority of its effects, it is more like hatred than friendship.

L. Rochefoucauld

DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter

Our first snowfall probably did not come as any great surprise considering it was almost two weeks late, but the first seems to confirm suspicions, either on the plus or minus side, of how much and what species of wildlife there is in a given area.

The availability of food and living space for wildlife has been, without question, un-naturally affected by the space used by man. While some species do not do well, or I should say that man does not do well in proximity to some species, many wildlife species get along well in our living spaces and seem to seek them out.

There is good reason for that, when you can see sparrows and turkeys at

the same feeding station, and quite often, birds such as cardinals and doves remain all winter because of such feeding stations. Our cleared fields, yards and buildings are being used increasingly by woodchucks, raccoons, skunks and squirrels. There are still some that keep the heritage of the wild such as the partridge, owl, hawk, heron, wolf, bobcat, otter and mink, but as we intrude more on wild space, the really wild species may also be changed un-naturally.

Despite everything, nature seems to keep its own balances, whether we like it or not, and with all our intrusion, it is a wonder it works at all.



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT By Joe Murphy

Christmas is fast approaching with all the joys of extra friendly greetings from friends and neighbors. Little

children trying hard to be extra good for they know Santa will be watching

close as Christmas draws near. The displays of Christmas lighting so beautiful to behold. The sound of Christmas carols so well remembered from our days of childhood. Those extra goodies of the holiday putting on extra pounds we can't seem to lose. Taking time to read Luke, Chapter 2, so the true meaning of Christmas rises above all the tinsel and glitter. Remembering loved ones with whom you shared those long ago Christmas

joys. So many long gone, but still as close as a memory. How well I remember those great treats we enjoyed, that made the fact it was a little bare under the tree seem so unimportant. If I may say a word or two to the children, it is the love you remember not the gifts. Carolyn and I would like to wish all a joyous holiday season and a bright, shiny new year.

Our deer season ended with the old man still looking for that buck with

suicidal tendencies. Next Saturday I'll take the old muzzle loader out there and give them another chance to avoid a long, cold winter. That is if the weather stays halfway decent, if it gets real nasty, they just missed their chance.

When the holiday season is over, the long grind of winter really sets in. January and February are two months I would like to sleep through. I remember reading an article several years ago that science had identified the gene that caused animals to go into full hibernation. It was hailed as a big breakthrough at the time, but I have read nothing more about it. They could inject a woodchuck with it at anytime of year and they would go into hibernation. It was hailed as having great promise for the treatment of the heart in humans. But the old man saw the possibility of avoiding those dull, dark days of winter by getting a shot the first part of January, and sleeping until about the middle of March. If folks could do that, this country would be mighty close to Heaven. Just think about it, you could eat all the goodies you wanted at Christmas, for you would need that extra fat while you were in hibernation. In the spring, you would wake up slim and trim with no effort on your part.

With 1995 coming soon, you have to realize that the turn of the century is not that far behind. Will my Dad be right when he said I would be here to see it. I remember him telling me that when I was just a little boy. It was something that was going to happen sometime, a long ways down the road at that time, but now it seems possible that I might.



Grayling High School team wins 'Wizards of Wall Street'

By Linda Denton
Staff Writer

Wizards of Wall Street is what they are called. They took an unknown jean company and propelled it to the top of the charts—the stock market charts that is.

No, the Wizards of Wall Street aren't the board of directors for Calvin Klein or Zena jeans. They are the board of directors for a new brand of jeans. You probably never heard of them, but that's not surprising, the company only existed for one short day in the imaginations of students from the retail and merchandising class at Grayling High School.

It was part of a unique program offered by Davenport College's new Gaylord center. The program is designed to teach the students about business concepts, such as production cost per unit, manufacturing plant expansion and repaying bank loans.

Teams of students compete against each other in five categories. The categories were sales volume, profit before taxes, highest stock price, lowest production costs-per-unit and highest retained earnings. One of Grayling's four teams finished first

overall and became the first group to ever win in all five categories.

The students built the company from the ground up. They developed a name, logo and mission statement. That accomplished, they made business decisions about what to set their price at and how many jeans to produce. Other decisions had to do with how much to spend on marketing, research and development, manufacturing plant expansions and how much money to borrow.

"They (the students) had to make decisions such as when to expand their company," said Sheryl Florian, Grayling's retail and merchandising teacher. "Every jean, no matter how many they made, sold throughout the quarter. So they had to comprehend, 'O.K., every jean is selling, so what are we going to do? Expand the building and make more.'"

"It took them probably the first two quarters before they were saying, 'We've got to expand,'" said Florian.

Davenport College organizers did provide the students with some guidelines when making their decisions. Students were given a range for each of the items so they could have an idea

of what to spend and produce.

The companies went through six quarters. This allowed the teams to see how things they did the previous quarter affected the profits of the following quarter and how Wall Street, a series of computers that crunched the numbers, reacted to what the company had done.

The Wizards of Wall Street winning team was composed of Grayling students Justin Eddy, Travis Weaver, Scott Hartman, Mike Balch, Corey Northrup, Scott Ramsey and two students from Petoskey. The team's mission statement was, "Sell high, keep production costs low."

The team figured out how to win in the last two quarters. When the team learned their loans didn't have to be repaid by the end of the sixth quarter, they developed their winning strategy.

"They took a huge loan and just expanded," said Florian. "Davenport said they never had anyone win like that before. They were the first team to win all five categories."

The loan allowed the team to expand beyond their competitors capacity, so they were able to out produce them. No matter how many jeans the students produced, the game was set up so

they would sell all their products.

The winning team started out with a stock price of \$108 the first quarter. The price jumped to \$198 in the fifth quarter and again in the sixth quarter to \$298. At the end of the sixth quarter the team made a profit of one million dollars after all costs were paid.

The program was far from the atmosphere of Wall Street, however. No one was developing ulcers or migraine headaches, unless it was from the loud music blaring from the DJ's table. DJ's table? Definitely not something you'd find in a company on Wall Street, but that wasn't the biggest digression from the real Wall Street.

The biggest difference would have to be the Wizard dancing around carrying a rubber chicken and "boogering" students whose company's took a down fall in the market. Boogering meant being covered by silly string sprayed from cans.

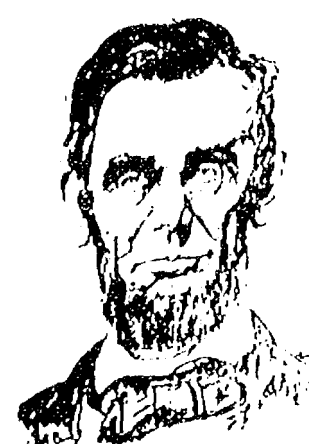
The Wizard was actually David Steenstra, a business professor at Davenport's main campus in Grand Rapids, who introduced the program

to the students. The music, chicken and silly string were all to help make the business world more interesting to students without making them fall asleep learning about stocks and interest rates.

The program was originally for businesses who wanted their managers to think along the lines of what effect their actions have on the overall profit of a company. The program was then changed to be aimed at high

school students. More than 2,000 high school students have been involved in the program. Over 300 students participated on Nov. 11 from Grayling, Gaylord, Petoskey, Mio and other northern Michigan schools.

All of the students who participated received T-shirts. The winning team received sweatshirts. The college used the day as a chance to advertise and invite students to schedule an interview with a college representative.



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Grayling students (L to R) Mike Hunter, Nicole Duby, Stacy Mead, Kris Harris, Kim Prause and Amanda Arnold work on their third quarter stocks during the Wizards of Wall Street Contest sponsored by Davenport College on Nov. 11, in which over 300 students participated from several northern Michigan schools.

Community education receives arts grant

The Crawford AuSable Community Education program "Learning Through Music" received a \$1,200 grant from the Cheboygan Area Arts Council, a regional agency of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Part of the cultural events series, "Learning Through Music" is designed to bring band concerts and vocalists to the area.

R.J. Hannan, director of the cultural events series, said, "This is the only series we know of its kind that is designed to bring cultural events to a rural area."

The series is funded by corporate sponsorship, patrons and grants said Hannan. This particular grant will fund two concerts in March. The Michigan Technological Concert Band on March 2, and the Alma Kille Band on March 16.

Grants help keep ticket prices down and make the concerts accessible to more people said Hannan.

The cultural events series also sponsors travelogues and dinner shows. They have received state wide recognition from the Michigan Association of Adult Education.

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SAT. 17	• VISIT SANTA @ Grayling State Bank, 1 - 5 pm. Have picture taken with Santa for \$3 donation. Proceeds to River House Shelter for toys. Asking for volunteers to wrap the gifts Dec. 21. For information call Bill Wingfield @ 348-8542. • MICHELSON MEMORIAL UNITED Methodist Church Christmas musical production "I'll be home for Christmas", 7:30 pm. • WRESTLING @ MASON COUNTY INVITATIONAL , 9 am. • HARTWICK PINES State Park program "Have a recycled Christmas", 1 pm. For more information call 348-2537.
SUN. 18	• ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice. • GRAYLING ASSEMBLY OF GOD Christmas program "Gifts shared at Christmas", 6 pm. • MICHELSON MEMORIAL UNITED Methodist Church Christmas musical production "I'll be home for Christmas", 3 pm.
MON. 19	• FRESH BBB VS. HOUGHTON LAKE , away, 6 pm. • SCHOOL BOARD MEETING @ MS conference room, 7 pm. • AMERICAN ASSOC. OF RETIRED PERSONS meeting @ COA office, 1:30 pm. • KIWANIS LUNCHEON meeting @ Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel, 12:10 pm.
TUES. 20	• EARLY ON COMMITTEE , 8:30 am, CMH. • BBB VS. PETOSKEY , home, 6 pm. • MS WINTER PLAY @ auditorium, 7 pm. • SOCIAL SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE @ county building, 10:30 am - 2 pm. • GRAYLING PROMOTIONAL ASSOCIATION luncheon meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. • AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION annual Christmas party @ 6:30 pm. • CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR ANIMALS @ Abundant Life Tabernacle Church, 7 pm. For more information call Dixie @ 348-4117. • GRAYLING UPTOWN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION meeting @ 8 am. @ Stevens Family Circle.
WED. 21	• WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, weigh-in 4:45; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321. • DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT TEAM @ MS conference room, 7 am. • FRESH BBB VS. CHARLEVOIX , home, 7 pm. • MS WINTER PLAY @ auditorium, 7 pm. • LIONS CLUB meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 6:30 pm. • COA Phyllis Brummer will be on hand 9-11:30 am to help seniors with Medicare & Medicaid problems, or call 348-7123. • GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY meeting @ Township Hall, 5 pm. • ROTARY LUNCHEON meeting @ Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel, 12 noon. • COA BOARD MEETING @ Senior Citizen Center, 308 Lawndale, 5:30 pm.

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November GMS students of the month



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46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Appearing before the Honorable Alton T. Davis, Nov. 21:
Paul Eugene Becker, age 18 of St. Helen, was arraigned on two counts of Breaking and Entering A Building With Intent, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years on each count. Beck stood mute and the court entered a plea of not guilty on record. Bond was continued.

Charles Jurden Lawson, age 19 of Grayling, was arranged on the charge of Breaking and Entering With Intent, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years. Lawson pled guilty as charged and bond was continued. In exchange for his plea a second charge of Receiving and Concealing will be dismissed.

Tyrone Vaughn, age 24 of the Michigan Department of Corrections was arraigned on the charge of Prisoner in Possession of Marijuana, which carries a maximum penalty of five years and/or \$1,000. Vaughn stood mute and the court entered a plea of not guilty on record.

Dana Wayne O'Dell, age 43 of Grayling, was arraigned on the charge Child Abuse — 3rd Degree, which carries a maximum penalty of two years. O'Dell stood mute and the court entered a plea of not guilty on record. Bond was continued.

Sean Brian Mueller, age 26 of Grayling, was arraigned on the charge of Uttering and Publishing a Non-Sufficient Funds Check of \$200 or more, which carries a maximum penalty of 13 months and/or \$500. Mueller pled guilty as charged. In exchange for his plea all other charges will be dismissed.

Michael Allan Kohler, age 37 of Frederic, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail with credit for eight days previously served on the charge of Attempted Criminal Sexual Conduct — 4th Degree.

Benjamin James Bigelow, age 19 of Cadillac, was sentenced on the charge of Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle. Bigelow as placed on three years probation and sentenced to 120 days in the county jail with credit for three days previously served. He was ordered to pay \$360 court costs, \$40 Crime Victims Fund, \$735 attorney fees and \$360 supervision fees.

Michael Dennis Forman, age 34 of St. Johns, was sentenced for violating his probation. That he continue through 8/15/98. That he serve one year in the county jail with credit for 163 days served. He shall continue probation outpatient counselling as directed. He shall enroll in family counselling program and faithfully attend that program. He shall participate in an antabuse therapy program or in the alternative submit himself to daily tests at his own expense.

LOVELLS LIBRARY NEWS

With donations from Otto and Darlene Brantley, Nancy Cota, John and Marge Cook, Floyd and Leona Buffmyer, Henry and Ruth Holzbauer, Ben and Marilyn Phillips, Jane Kellogg, Olive Kellogg and Diane Stone, the following books were placed in the library in memory of Phyllis Walker: *Wild Horses* by Dick Francis; *Nothing Lasts Forever* by Sidney Sheldon; *A Tangled Web* by Judith Michael; *The President's Daughter* by Barbara Chase-Riboud; *Spencerville* by Nelson DeMille; *The Heart of Justice* by William Coughlin; *The Glory* by Herman Wouk; *The Nightingale Legacy* by Catherine Coulter; *Murder at Monticello* by Rita Mae Brown; *Edith Wharton: Three Complete Novels* by Edith Wharton; *The Lottery Winner* by Mary Higgins Clark; *Ink-Keeper's Apprentice* by Allen Say; *Amber on the Mountain* by Tony Johnston; *Daisy-Head Mayzie* by Dr. Seuss; and *My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother* by Patricia Polacco.

Other Phyllis Walker memorial books include *The Maltese Angel* by Catherine Cookson and *The Complete Book of U.S. Presidents* by William A. DeGregorio, donated by the Lovells Library; *Lake Country* by Kathleen Stocking and *Very Last First Time* by Jan Andrews, donated by Kate Gregg.

Donations were also received from Margaret and Ken Cavanaugh, Dorothy Schatte, Gail and Thomas Perks, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sundberg, John and Barbara Collison and Ed Sedorchuk, which will be used to purchase either a table or bookcase as a memorial to Phyllis Walker.

MERCY HOSPITAL BIRTHS

The following parents are proud to announce their recent arrivals at Grayling Mercy Hospital:

Ryan Weinel and Tanya Arndt of Houghton Lake: Aliyah Jade, Nov. 26, 1994, 7 lbs.

Richard and Charmaine Bohm of St. Helen: Raymond Stewart, Nov. 30, 1994, 7 lbs., 7 ozs.

Scott and Diane McIntosh of Mt. Clemens: Valerie Noel, Nov. 24, 1994, 5 lbs., 13 ozs.

Donald W. and Cindy L. Ellenburg of Mio: Sarah Ray, Nov. 25, 1994, 6 lbs., 15 ozs.

National Guard honored by V P Al Gore

Major General E. Gordon Stump and the Michigan National Guard was honored as a Hero of Reinvention by Vice President Al Gore for their accomplishments as a member of teams which excelled at improving customer service or cutting red tape.

The Michigan Department of Military Affairs had three teams receive a Hammer Award during the National Performance Review Anniversary Celebration Event on Wednesday, Sept. 28, in Lansing.

Vice President Al Gore uses the \$6 Hammer Award to signify that every federal employee is capable of building a new kind of government — one that works better and costs less.

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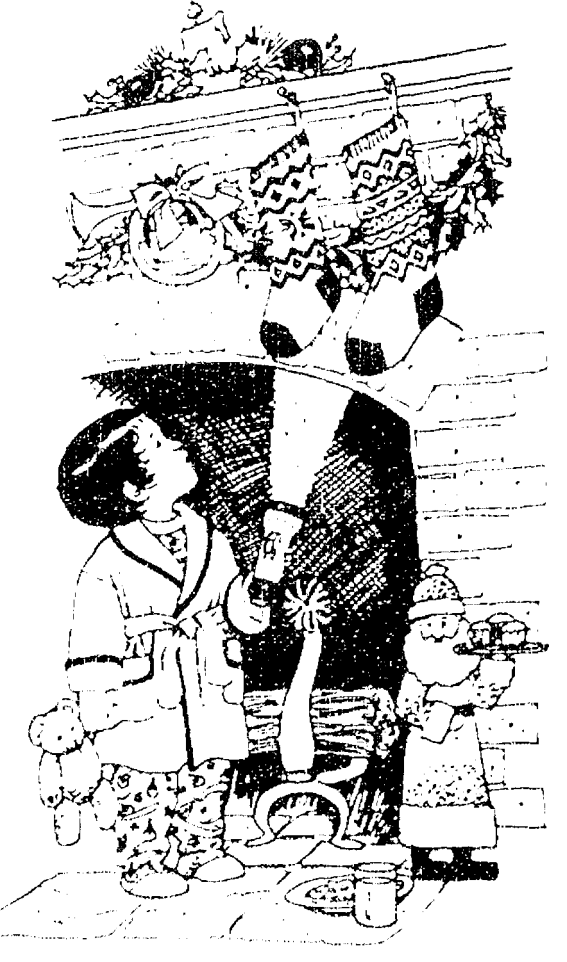
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A holiday concert by the Grayling High School Band



IN CONCERT--The Grayling High School Concert and Stage Bands, under the direction of Dennis Ormsbee and Assistant Director Shelly Tober, performed their annual Holiday Concert on Monday, Dec. 12 at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Performing in the concert were: **Flute**--Ann Becks, Jenny Bergum, Bridget Black, Deanna Fleishmann, *Krystal Harris, Onna Ingvarsson, Amanda Lamb, Amy Martella, Bethany Pettyjohn, Jessica Scott, Karie Tinker, Jenny Wejrowski and Lindsay Vanamburg. **Oboe**--Rachel Porter. **Bassoon**--Julia McAnallen and *Trisha Ormsbee. **Clarinet**--Lindsey Brinks, Melissa Brunskill, Coleen Dale, Tony Dobry, Debbie Harris, Kristy Kauffman, *Pat Lamie, Lara Lepsy, Jeremy Merithew, Tom Parrish, *Becky Pilon, Jamie Pratt, Crystal Raurk, Melissa Smock and Jessica Wyss. **Bass Clarinet**--Aprille Alma, Dusty Gammon and Carley Sewell. **Alto Sax**--Jon Britton, Jamie Corlew, Angie Floriano, *Mike Knight and *Nick Szajner. **Tenor Sax**--Arica Burkett and Gretchen Ross. **Bari Sax**--Brion Davis. **Trumpet**--J.R. Akers, Steve Anderson, *Sean Casey, *Betsy Dean, Tammy Deyell, Jeff Englund, *Kelley Halstead, *Danielle McClain, Morris Nettleton, *Jenny Ohsowski, Malanie Wakefield and Nathan Weaver. **French Horn**--Sarah Furst, Carrie Wells and Clark Wilcox. **Trombone**--*Bryan Bearss, Tracie Darling, Jamie Evans, John Hilyard, *Andy Hunter, *Paul Niederer and Nat Rosi. **Baritone**--Tara Durfee, *Travis Patrick and Joni St. Clair. **Tuba**--*Jake Beckwith and Danielle Dushane. **Percussion**--Danyell Galvani, Mo Harwood, Sarah Medler, Melissa Ostwald, Marc Ritter and *Andy Van Guilder. * denotes member of stage band.

Photo by Terry Wright/Avalanche

Michigan Press Women sponsor high school journalism award

High school journalists from throughout the state are invited to enter the 1994-95 High School Journalism Contest, sponsored by Michigan Press Women (MPW).

The Michigan contest is open to all Michigan high school students who have had their work printed in a newspaper, school newspaper, yearbook or other publication between Jan. 16, 1994 and Jan. 15, 1995.

This year's categories are: Editorials, features, sports, columns, feature photography, cartooning, and graphics/page layout. First, second and third place certificates will be awarded in each category and Michigan's first-place winners will be entered in the National Federation of Press Women (NFPW) Journalism Contest.

The 1994-95 rules and entry form are being mailed to all Michigan newspapers and high schools, both public and private. Michigan contest entries must include a completed entry form and be postmarked by Jan. 17, 1995.

MPW will honor Michigan's winners at a youth awards luncheon in Frankenmuth in the spring. MPW also will assist any student winning first place in the national competition in attending the NFPW Awards Luncheon in Jackson, MS, in June, 1995.

For more information, contact Cathy Stathakis, director, MPW High School Journalism Contest, 310 Huron Street, Traverse City, MI 49686, or telephone 616-946-8205.

St. John hosts youths pizza party

St. John Lutheran Church will have a pizza party for youths on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 4:30 p.m. All youth in the area are invited to attend. Following the pizza party, the youths and adults will go Christmas caroling.

All adults in the Grayling area are invited to come caroling and should meet at the church at 710 Spruce Street at 5:45 p.m. If you know of anyone who would enjoy having the group sing for them, call the church at 348-5224, and leave their name and address.

Lions Lucky 13 winners named

Pattie and Daula Chapp recently won \$100 in the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 drawing.

Students design and sell T-shirts

The Grayling High School retail and merchandising class is selling T-shirts and sweatshirts for which they designed the logo.

The students decided on gray hooded sweatshirts and white T-shirts with dark green print. The class is doing the project to learn about maintaining and operating a small business. Each student is required to participate in either selling, designing, delivering, or advertising in order to receive their grade for the group sales project.

The retail and merchandising class appreciates all the help it received from the Grayling business community.

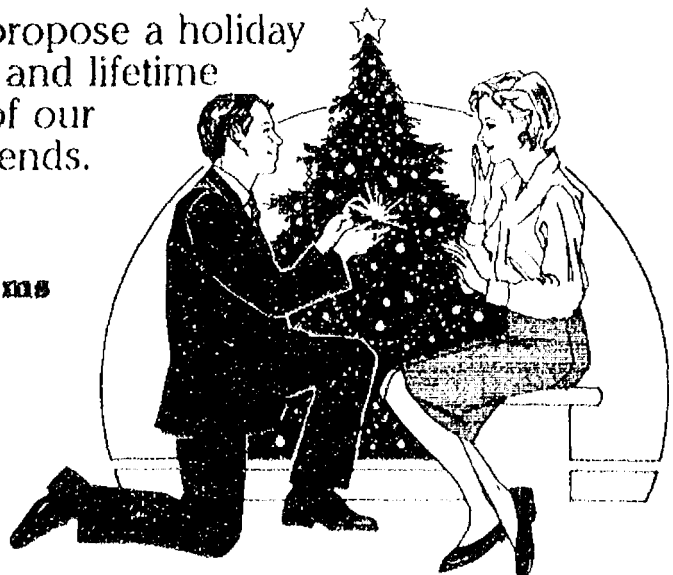
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HOMETOWN NEWS

Rich and Anne Oliver of Grayling are the proud parents of a son, Jacob Alexander, born on Nov. 21, 1994, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. He weighed 8 pounds, 1/2 ounce, and was 19 1/2 inches long. He joins his two sisters, Lyndsay and Rebecca, and one brother Arron at home. Grandparents are Pete and Marge Oliver of Saginaw, and Bernard Dole of Gladwin.

Jeff and Rence (Campeau) Stampfly of Shingleton, formerly of Grayling, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Ian Jeffrey, born Nov. 28, 1994, at Marquette Hospital. Ian weighed 7 pounds, 4.8 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Local grandparents are John Stampfly, Connie Stampfly, and Tom and Elisa Campeau.

Bob and Susan Keene of Maple Forest, are proud to announce the arrival of their first granddaughter, Jessica Eileen Keene Meyer, born Nov. 4, 1994, to Larry and Connie (Keene) Meyer of Carleton. Jessica weighed in at 6 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long. The proud great-grandmother is Josephine Keene, also of Maple Forest. Jessica has a 17-month-old brother, Joshua.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling in the following areas:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.). Firing will be from Dec. 14 through Dec. 17, and Dec. 20 through Dec. 21.

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Mercy meets challenge to recruit health care professionals

By Suzan Milenkovich
Capital News Service

Every year college football coaches, usually pressured to have winning seasons, work hard to recruit top players for their teams.

Rural communities such as those in Crawford County also work hard to recruit, but not for a game. In real life, Michigan communities try to recruit

physicians for their hospitals in order to get the health care they need.

"Although we have a wonderful area and quality of life, we cannot offer the call coverage that is necessary to have the time off that most physicians desire," said Alison Schiek, physician recruiter for Mercy Health Services North.

Call coverage is when physicians

cover calls for a physician who may have taken the day off. With less physicians in rural areas, physicians do not have as much help.

"The biggest challenge is finding people who are willing to make the commitment with less coverage," Schiek said.

Another major problem facing rural communities in recruiting physicians

is that since the areas are more remote, they have less to offer than urban areas.

"Grayling offers a large service area," Schiek said. "However, because there is not a lot around us, it has actually been designated as a health professional shortage area and a medically under-served area."

However, Grayling does not have a large need for specialists since those in Traverse City practice one or two days a week at area clinics, Schiek said.

"Our biggest challenge in Grayling has been meeting primary care needs," Schiek said. "There are so few primary-care physicians out there."

The Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) has set up a task force on rural health care to help combat the problem. The task force also works with the Rural Health Clinic Program and the Michigan Department of Public Health in its programs to aid areas with few physicians.

"We give great emphasis on rural

medicine," said Dr. W. Peter McCabe, chairman of the board of directors of the MSMS and a Grosse Pointe plastic surgeon.

"The task force is strongly interested in rural health care for Michigan citizens and, in particular, the availability of physicians and other health care professionals," said Tom Plasman, manager of physician-hospital relations for MSMS.

"What we have been doing is meeting with various groups and trying to encourage them to understand and know the medical opportunities in Michigan."

Recruiting is usually done by local hospitals. Existing physicians also talk with new graduates from medical school or physicians concluding their residency, Plasman said.

In addition to word-of-mouth recruiting, Schiek said, they also advertise in medical publications, use direct mail to contact physicians, and subscribe to database systems, such as Michigan Opportunities in Michigan

(MOM), which is part of MSMS and the Michigan Health Council.

"They have put together a program that allows residents within residency programs in Michigan to interact with the MOM database," Schiek said.

As a subscriber, Schiek provides information on practice opportunities available in the area. The resident puts various information into the database, including their specialty and environment preferences, and sees where matches are made.

Eight years ago, the number of residents completing their program in and staying in Michigan was six or seven out of 10. As of three years ago, the number of residents leaving Michigan after completion of their programs was six out of 10, Plasman said.

"That, of course, has a direct effect on rural practices because most physicians practice in more urban or metropolitan areas," Plasman said. "That makes it even more difficult to recruit a physician to stay in rural areas."



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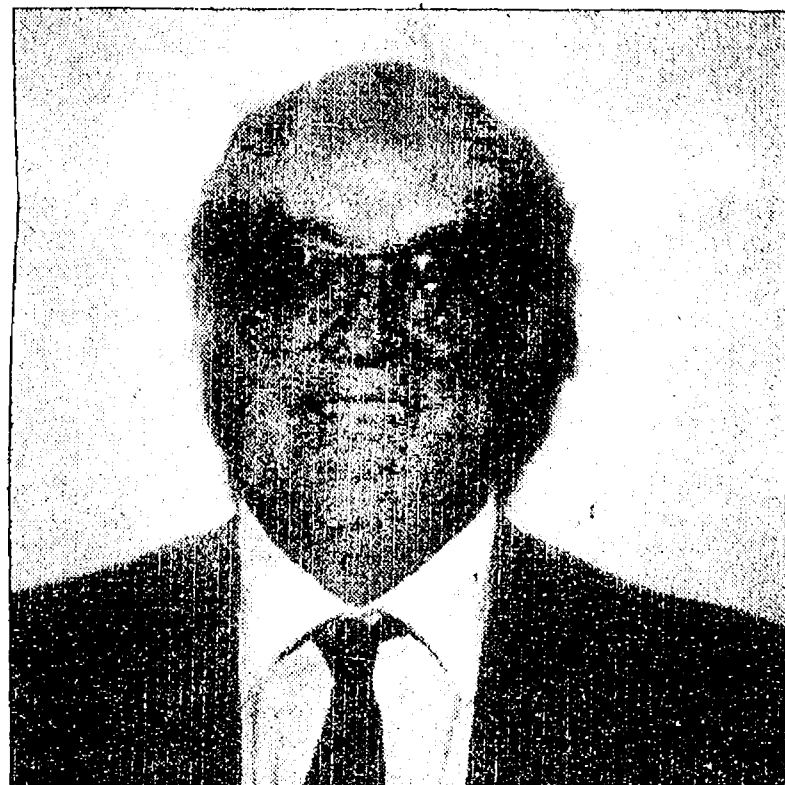
Davis Jewelers Inc. Picked After Long Search

New York—Jim Shepler of Davis Jewelers Inc. of Grayling, Michigan has been selected by Gabriel Noboa, Vice President and Designer of Henri Carré Originals, 38 West 48th Street, New York, to be his associate in a national campaign to promote Henri Carré Originals. After a long nationwide search, Noboa picked Davis Jewelers Inc. Because of their long history and outstanding business reputation, and because consumers know that they sell fine quality jewelry and exclusive designs in their stores, Davis Jewelers Inc. is one of the first jewelers in the United States to be chosen for this program. Henri Carré Originals is an unusual designer line of 18K and 14K gold jewelry set with baguette, marquise, radiant and brilliant cut diamonds accented with precious emeralds, sapphires and rubies.



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New York—On Friday and Saturday, December 16 and 17 there will be a special showing of Henri Carré originals at Davis Jewelers Inc. Mr. Gabriel Noboa of Henri Carré Originals has officially appointed Davis Jewelers Inc. as the exclusive marketing agent in this area for Henri Carré Originals. Mr. Noboa, an international award winning designer of jewelry, came to this country in 1964. He has been a fine jewelry designer for over 25 years and has won several awards. During his designing career he has graced American women with some of the most fashionable and elegant jewelry



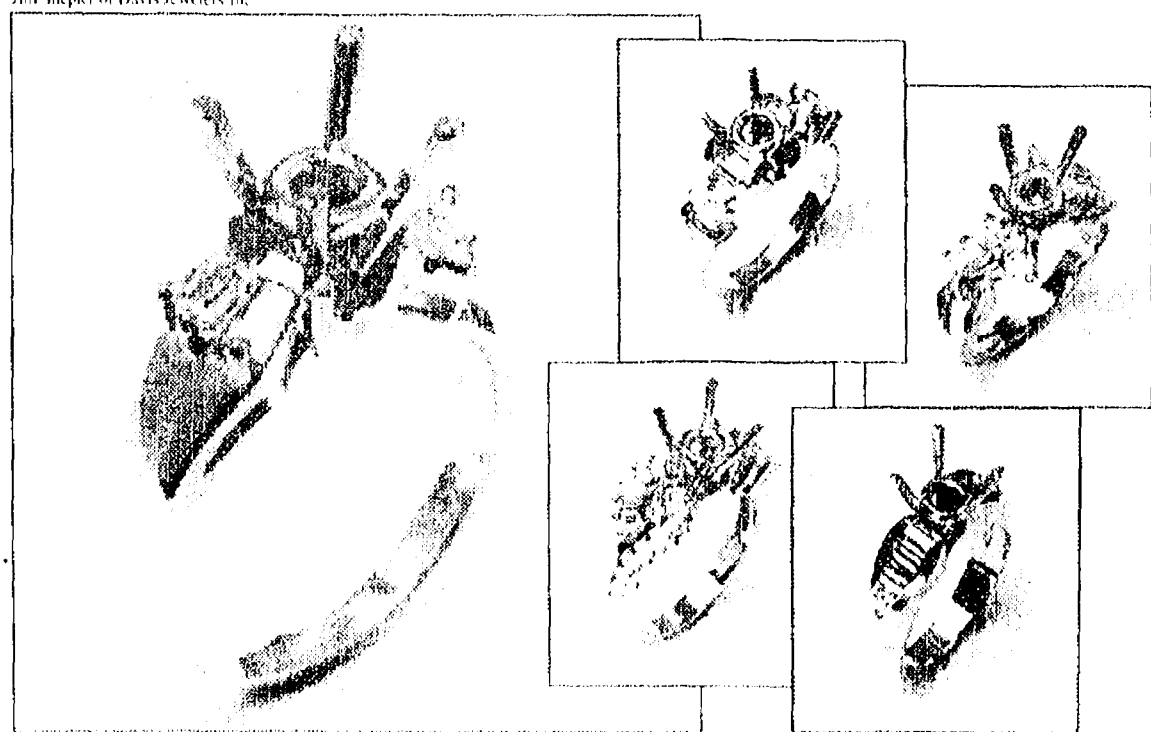
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Jim Shepler, President of Davis Jewelers Inc., becomes exclusive dealer for Henri Carré Originals Designer Jewelry

Grayling, MI—

Jim Shepler, President of Davis Jewelers Inc. in Grayling, Michigan expressed his pleasure at being chosen as an associate of the world famous designer Henri Carré, of New York. Davis Jewelers Inc.'s showrooms will be among the first in Henri Carré's national pilot program to promote this exclusive designer line of fine jewelry. The association of Davis Jewelers Inc. and Henri Carré Originals is the culmination of the long friendship of the principal owners of both companies: Jim Shepler of Davis Jewelers Inc. and Prakash Mehta of Interings, of which Henri Carré Originals is a division. They are both very pleased that this exclusive designer line is coming to this area. Shepler said, "I'm happy that our customers will be able to see these unusual and dramatic designs that make up the Henri Carré line, and that they will be among the first to see this jewelry in the United States."

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Magnificent Display at
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Grayling, MI—To enhance the beauty and elegance of Henri Carré Jewelry, Mr. Noboa uses very fine quality precious gems in addition to diamonds. The striking effects come not only from the flowing designs, but also from the color combinations. Intense blue sapphires, deep green emeralds and rich red rubies combined with brilliant diamonds add drama and fire to these magnificent pieces. On display during this two day event will be genuine emeralds, rubies and sapphires from the gem markets of the world, and of course, diamonds direct from Antwerp, Belgium and Bombay, India.

volunteers who decorated the center — Virginia and Willard Bowling, Ruth and Jeff Cruz, Wilda and Jerry Zinzo, Muriel Latuszky and Vera Wilson. Thanks again, folks, the place is beautiful.

By press time, the annual Christmas dinner and dance party is history, but everyone had a marvelous time and can't wait for the New Year's party on the 30th.

What a year this has been! The center has been busier than ever; more services have been extended to home-bound as well as walk-ins; more people in and out of the center with more activities and more people came to have meals with us than ever before. All in all, 1994 was a big, banner year for the senior center, Carol Kolka and her staff, and the COA. Congratulations to one and all.

Meals at the center are good, nourishing, well balanced, and you don't have to cook or do the dishes. Any senior, or spouse, in Crawford County that is 60 or older and their friends are welcome. Suggested donation is \$1.50 for seniors 60+ and a \$2.50 price for those under 60.

Reservations are appreciated because it is important to have an idea

of how many people are coming so that there is enough food prepared.

Meals are served at noon and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday and at noon only on Fridays. Menus are subject to change and are listed as:

Lunch/Dinner:

Dec. 14-Veal Cutlets/Roast Beef;
Dec. 15-Turkey Birds/Pork Steak;
Dec. 16-Roast Chicken;
Dec. 19-Chicken Cacciatore/Fish;
Dec. 20-Goulash/Meatloaf;
Dec. 21-Pepper Steak/BBQ Chicken;

Dec. 22-Baked Ham/Salisbury Steak;
Dec. 23-BBQ Beef.

Center closed on Dec. 26.

Coming Events

Mark your calendars for:
Dec. 12-Movie, *Almost An Angel* with Paul Hogan of *Crocodile Dundee* fame.

Dec. 14-Girl Scouts Prize Bingo and pie after dinner.

Dec. 16-Legal Help at 1:30 p.m.

Dec. 18-Sunday Potluck at 4 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and your table service.

Still room for the Out To Lunch (OTL) gang trip to Gaylord on the 19th. Bus leaves at 11:15 sharp.

Michigan retirees benefit from tax changes

Most retired Michigan taxpayers receiving benefits can now exclude a larger amount of their pension income from their Michigan State tax return. This may decrease their tax liability. For the tax year 1994, the deduction of retirement benefits, except military or public retirement systems, will increase from \$7,500 to \$13,125 for single taxpayers. For married taxpayers filing a joint return, the deduction will increase from \$10,000

to \$22,500. These amounts will increase again for 1995.

According to Susan Leyland of H&R Block in Grayling, "computing pensions is more complex when a taxpayer receives both a private pension, and a public pension from the U.S. Civil Service, State of Michigan, Michigan or Political subdivision." The private pension deduction limit must be reduced by the amount of the public pension. The amendment establishing these larger pension limits went into effect Oct. 1, 1994.

Benefits from a retirement annuity policy in which lifetime payments are made to senior citizens age 65 or older, or their surviving spouses, now qualify for the pension deduction.

Also new for tax year 1994, senior citizens aged 65 or older who do not take a pension deduction other than Social Security may deduct interest and dividends received. This deduction cannot exceed \$250 for single taxpayers and \$500 for married taxpayers filing a joint return. These amounts increase for 1995. Taxpayers who have both pension and interest/dividend income may elect to take this deduction instead of the pension deduction if it is more advantageous.

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OBITUARIES

David Murray Lemmen

David Murray Lemmen, 50, of Grayling, died of lymphoma in his home on Thursday, December 8, 1994.

Mr. Lemmen was born in Flint on September 21, 1944, to Murray Wendell and Rosalie (Langworthy) Lemmen.

He graduated from Kearsley High School in Flint in 1962. From 1962 to 1968, he attended Michigan State University, where he earned B.A. and M.A. degrees in sociology.

From 1969 to 1971, he continued his post-graduate studies at MSU, where he also was a graduate assistant and instructor for the Department of Sociology.

Mr. Lemmen taught for the Department of Sociology at Alma College from 1971 to 1976, and he was employed as a probation/parole agent for the Michigan Department of Corrections in Crawford County from 1977 to 1994.

He married Nancy Stodola of Big Rapids on Dec. 17, 1972.

Mr. Lemmen was preceded in death by his father in 1989.

His immediate survivors include wife, Nancy of Grayling; mother, Rosalie Lemmen-Mead of Clare and Hessel; sister, Susan Corbin (and husband Jeffery) of Traverse City; and nieces, Heather Heffner of Chicago, and Mishla Corbin of Traverse City.

A memorial service for Mr. Lemmen will be held on Saturday, December 17, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling at 10:30 a.m.

His ashes will be buried at Cherry Grove Cemetery in Clare, in the spring of 1995.

The Lemmen family suggests that memorials be directed to the Crawford County Animal Shelter or the Crawford County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

Glenn Love

Glenn E. Love, 53, of Frederic, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 1994, at his home. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

Mr. Love was born Aug. 9, 1941, in St. Charles Twp., Saginaw County. He had been a resident of Frederic for 24 years, previously living in Chicago, IL. On Nov. 26, 1965, he was married to Bonnie D. Pigott in Chicago. He worked as a mechanic at Peterson Saw Service in Grayling.

Mr. Love was preceded in death by son, Terry L. Love, in 1972; parents, Ervan and Florence (Pratt) Love; three brothers; and one sister.

Survivors include: wife, Bonnie D. Love; sons, Kevin E. Love, at home, and Keith M. and wife, Patty, Love of Frederic; sister, Maxine Svaluto of Frederic, and Darlene Decker of Ada, OK; grandchildren, George and Samantha Hatfield of Frederic, and Adam Love of Grayling.

Stella Grabosky

Stella (Pawlanta) Grabosky, 84, died Monday, Dec. 12, 1994, at Tendercare Nursing Home in Gaylord.

Persons may call Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel for details. A full obituary will appear in next week's *Avalanche*.

Beatrice Sheggrud

Beatrice E. Sheggrud, 83, of Terre Haute, IN, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 1994, at Terre Haute Regional Hospital. Memorial services were held Sunday, Dec. 11, at Callahan & Hughes Funeral Home, in Terre Haute, with Reverend Dr. John Chironna, Jr. officiating. Cremation is scheduled with interment at a later date in Roselawn Memorial Park.

Mrs. Sheggrud was born Oct. 14, 1911, in New Salem, SD, to Dr. Jacob and Pearl (Moody) Bursma. She was a retired elementary and music school teacher, having taught in the Muskegon school system, and had spent many summers in Grayling. Mrs. Sheggrud was a member of Central Presbyterian Church in Terre Haute and the Church Women's Association, and formerly a member of Irons Union Church of Irons, as well as the Reformed Church of Muskegon. She was a graduate of Western Michigan University and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Mrs. Sheggrud was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Sheggrud, in 1986.

Survivors include: daughter, Pearl "PJ" Ekstrom of Terre Haute, IN; son, Jack Hasper of Minneapolis, MN; stepson, Carroll Sheggrud of Frederic; 10 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Indiana Multiple Sclerosis, 615 North Alabama, Suite 318, Indianapolis, IN, 46204, or the charity of their choice.

Farnham Matson

Lt. Col. Farnham Raymond Matson, U. S. Air Force (Retired), 89, of San Antonio, TX, died Wednesday, Nov. 23, 1994 in San Antonio. Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 28, with interment at Sunset Memorial Park.

Lt. Col. Matson was born July 17, 1905, in Adrian, and spent his early life in Grayling. He graduated from Grayling High School in 1923. Soon after graduation, he continued his work in the local post office, becoming assistant postmaster, before entering the service.

Lt. Col. Matson was commissioned in 1942, and served as a diplomatic courier from 1943 to 1946. He helped establish the postal system for the United Nations Conference in San Francisco in 1945. He retired from the U. S. Air Force in 1962.

Survivors include: wife, Hilda C. Matson of San Antonio; son, John J. and wife, Melinda, Matson of Herndon, VA; granddaughters, Mary and Emily Matson, both of Herndon, VA; and sisters, Janet White and Elizabeth Matson, both of Stockton, CA.



HOSPICE GRADUATES 8 VOLUNTEERS—Recent graduates of the Hospice With Loving Care fall training program are (left to right) Sandy Altman, volunteer coordinator, John Bifoss Sr., Edna Close, Joe Bunge, Julie Blasco, Sandy Haskell, Anne Curnalia, Joan Patrick and Joyce Smith.

Hospice With Loving Care graduates 8 local volunteers

Eight volunteers recently graduated from the Fall Hospice Volunteer Training Program for Hospice With Loving Care of Roscommon and Crawford counties. The graduation ceremony took place on Nov. 10, at the Markey Baptist Church of Roscommon.

Each graduate completed 18 hours of classroom study and practical training, gained through the

cooperation of the Hospice With Loving Care staff and Steuermol & McLaren Funeral Home in Roscommon. A hospice volunteer provides a variety of support services to the patient, the patient's family and the primary care person. As a member of the interdisciplinary team, the hospice volunteer plays a very important role in the care of the terminally ill and their families.

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWS

Registration for the winter, 1995, semester at Kirtland Community College will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 11 and 12, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tuition will be assessed at \$44 per credit hour for in-district students, and \$59 per credit hour for out-of-district students. Additional fees (excess contact hour fee, activity fee, lab fee and registration fee) may be assessed, as appropriate.

Two proofs of residency will be required. These may include a voter's registration card, driver's license, rent receipt with address on it, tax statement, or a Secretary of State identification card.

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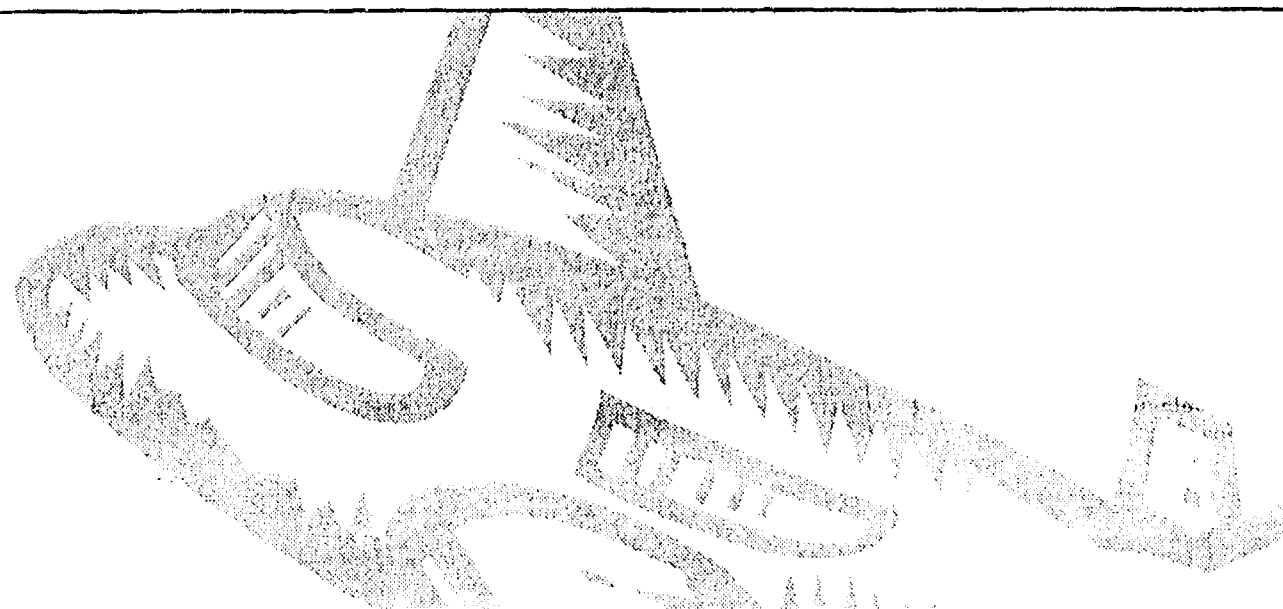
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FREDERIC NEWS

The children's Christmas party for Frederic, Maple Forest and the boys and girls in Frederic Elementary School, up to age 12, will be held Saturday, Dec. 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. A picture with Santa will be available for #2. This event is sponsored by the Frederic Fire Dept. and the Workers in Frederic.

First Baptist Church of Frederic will have their Sunday School Christmas program, Sunday, Dec. 18. After the program, the teens will be going out Christmas caroling. If you know of any elderly or homebound people, call 348-8126.

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DNR to study baiting habits

By Suzan Milenkovich
Capital News Service

Deer hunters may have to limit the quantity of bait used to lure deer in Michigan, according to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

And that seems to be fine with most deer hunters.

"Our 1992 survey asked hunters about different ways to regulate bait piles rather than ban it," said Ed Langenau, big-game specialist in the wildlife division of the DNR. "A majority of hunters in Michigan do find a quantity restriction acceptable."

However, a minority of deer hunters would like to see baiting banned altogether, Langenau said.

The DNR will meet with several of its constituent groups to discuss quantity restrictions as an acceptable way to reduce hunter conflicts.

"The problem is hunter conflicts over hunter territories," Langenau said. "We think the regulation of the quantity of bait will reduce that."

Langenau said an example of possible regulation could be placing a limit of five gallons per site. Another hunter could not hunt on a site that had more than five gallons of bait.

"Our position is that we are in favor of a 10-gallon limit on bait for deer

hunting," said John Wencley, president of the Michigan Bow Hunters Association.

Wencley listed territorial disputes and the tendency for bait to pull away deer from where they would naturally be foraging as reasons for supporting a limit.

"Success of the hunter who does not bait might be limited because the deer do not have to move very far to look for food," Wencley said.

The Michigan Big Game Hunters Association does not support any limit on the quantity of bait, Glenn Williams, executive director and founder, said.

"The baiting situation has created a tremendous, tremendous amount of revenue for this state, the small farmers, and the ma-and pa stores up north," Williams said.

"And the bottom line is that it is not hurting the deer herd."

The state has built up substantial revenue from tourism due to the legality of baiting, while the agricultural community is estimated to be making \$40 million to \$60 million a year selling bait, Langenau said.

Carrots, apples, sugar beets and corn are primarily used for bait.

Jerry Keck, a Mayville resident and hunter for more than 40 years, would

like to see deer baiting banned because of future problems he foresees.

"The non-hunters do not like the image of deer baiting where we attract deer to our hunting spots and blow them away," Keck said. "Non-hunters could put us out of business."

"It is really sad that most hunters are only concerned with the here and now, not with the future of the sport."

But Williams contends that most hunters use some sort of aid in luring deer.

"Some people will say that it is not sportsman-like," Williams said. "Then why does that guy take his deer stand into an apple orchard, alongside a rye field and then use deer lures and deer rattling?"

Hunters who use bait piles develop a false sense of ownership of the public land they hunt on and do not want other hunters on the same land, Keck said.

"Every year more and more people keep putting out bait piles and it is

only a matter of time before someone gets shot because of it," Keck said. "No question about it."

Despite a ban or limit on baiting territories disputes will still occur, Williams said.

"A person goes into a deer stand and says, 'This is my area,'" Williams said. "There will always be this kind of problem even if there is no feed involved with it."

Michigan has banned baiting among turkey and elk hunters because a majority of those hunters supported bans, Langenau said.

"We do not have support to ban bait for deer hunting in Michigan at this current time," Langenau said. "We do not have a reason to ban bait biologically."

"We do have a mandate to consider methods of regulation."

There are no negative biological impacts on deer because of baiting, Langenau said.

National Honor Society hosts 'Meet the Grads'

On Friday, Dec. 23, Grayling High School will host the traditional "Meet the Grads Day," in the high school library. To those unfamiliar with the ceremony, "Meet the Grads," is a unique opportunity for recent alumni of G.H.S. to present their experiences concerning continued education for current juniors and seniors. Persons who have enrolled in colleges or universities, students of technical or vocational schools, and members of the armed services, are all welcome to participate in the event by sharing

their feelings about the transfer from G.H.S. to other educational positions.

The reception will be held in the G.H.S. library from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. All former graduates presently seeking post secondary education are cordially invited to attend. This event is hosted by the AuSable Chapter of the National Honor Society, with the assistance of the Grayling High School Counseling Department. All persons currently involved in continued education are encouraged to attend the annual presentation of this event.

MILITARY NEWS

Marine Cpl. Timothy J. Pernie, whose wife, Amy, is the daughter of Morey E. and Deb Denton of Grayling, recently returned from a 6-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Indian Ocean with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) while assigned to the USS Guam Amphibious Ready Group.

Pernie was one of 4,000 Marines and sailors who completed the 30,000-mile voyage which included duty off Bosnia-Herzegovina in the Adriatic Sea, and being on stand-by off the eastern tip of Africa. After traveling from the Mediterranean Sea through the Suez Canal and Red Sea into the Indian Ocean, Pernie spent more than a month off the coast of Somalia, where the Navy-Marine Corps team stood ready to protect and relocate American citizens if necessary. The North Carolina-based 26th MEU was embarked in USS Guam, USS Tortuga, USS Austin and USS Harlan County.

Pernie began the deployment by participating in the 50th anniversary of D-Day with visits to England and France. During the D-Day commemoration, the 26th MEU helped support the visit of President Bill Clinton and numerous other government and military officials as well as thousands of World War II veterans.

Spending 120 days at sea during the 6-month deployment and participating in both real world operations and amphibious landing exercises with other nations, Pernie also visited Greece, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Spain and Turkey.

Pernie's involvement in the deployment is an example of how the Navy-Marine Corps team is designed to operate overseas and respond quickly when needed. Whether delivering humanitarian assistance, cargo, or troops from the sea, these highly-trained naval forces provide a unique crisis-response option, which can be withdrawn quickly when no longer needed.

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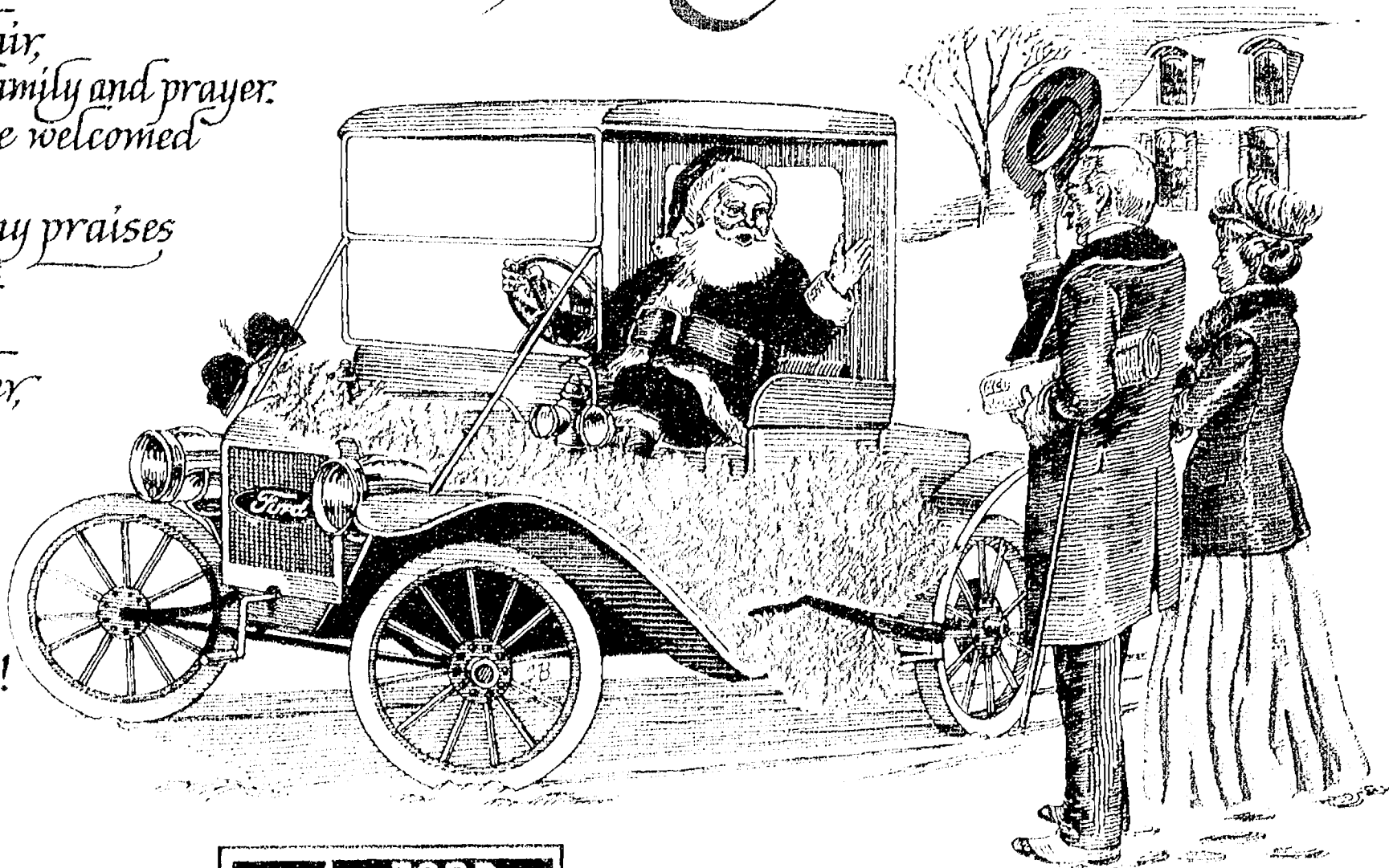
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The Christmas miracle of 1969

How a community came together in the spirit of giving for one special Christmas

(Reprinted from issues of the 1969 Avalanche)

Continued from last week

By Sal Truettner Hubel

This is a story of the Crawford County Community Service organization's founding and future plans.

Chapter III

We contacted Stuart Capling, camp supervisor at Camp LaVictoire and asked if his boys would repair the toys that had been donated. He was most cooperative and set a date for them to come pick them up.

When they loaded them in the truck we thought only a miracle could repair some of them. But these boys, under the direction of Leo Post, duty officer at the camp, performed that miracle. They brought back doll beds, repainted, new rungs put in little chairs to replace the ones lost, and those tricycles! (the ones we thought should go to the dump) springs straightened, wheels tightened and new shiny paint jobs.

And to our surprise 17 new doll cradles, made from scraps of lumber donated by the lumber companies and painted with donated paint. And so they wouldn't look so bare, someone took on the project of making little comforters for them. They gathered up used bath towels and baby blankets, cut them down to size and bound them with ribbon or crocheted around the edge.

And then the dolls that we had farmed out to Mae Bishaw, commenced to come back. You wouldn't have known them. Hair washed and combed, new dresses, some even had knitted sweaters with boots and caps to match. Cuddly baby dolls with new nighties and blankets, and our pride and joy, a black doll with a red dress and pockets, a bright red hair-ribbon and pantaloons.

Mrs. Bertha Davis and Mrs. George Springs, members of the Free Methodist Church took over the knitting and when Mrs. Springs moved from Grayling, Mrs. Harold Strouse took over.

Thirty-seven pairs of mittens plus knitted caps, scarves and bedsocks for adults were turned over to us.

People called to tell us they had new puzzles and games we could have. A lady brought us five new dolls she had purchased. Besides a generous check, the Episcopal Church women decided they would buy new books for children, ages six through 14. On the afternoon their Guild met, they dispensed with their regular program and wrapped books. Eighty-seven books were delivered to the club all beautifully wrapped and tied with Christmas bows.

About this time we thought we should take inventory of what we had and what we needed to buy. We had children's good clothing donated but we wanted each child to have something new besides. Red roses and praise should go to the two women that took on the job of buying, Mrs. Clarence Holcomb and Mrs. Rex Hawkins.

They were experienced in their job though, for they had bought in the past for the Kiwanis and Woman's Club when they had a joint program. Those days when both clubs operated on a shoestring and they stretched a dollar farther than anyone could imagine. Besides the donated dolls and the renovated ones, they bought 16 new ones, making a total of 52 dolls. For the little girls that were past the doll stage they purchased toilet sets, nine in all. To go with the games we had, they bought 27 more. Also four new dump trucks, 25 pairs of girls' pajamas, four nighties, five pair of boys pajamas, 11 pairs of slacks for boys and girls, and 25 boys' shirts.

And to go with all this, a wonderful person interested in our organization, made two red corduroy jumpers, one size six and the other size ten. One had

a frilly white blouse with a red silk tie and an extra black tie in the pocket just in case the red one got lost. The other had a real turtle-necked blouse to go with it. Can you imagine how a little girl's eyes would shine when she opened that package on Christmas morning?

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Chapter IV

Next came the huge job of wrapping. We had 107 children on our list.

Dolls, tricycles and large toys did not need to be wrapped, but small toys, games, puzzles and wearing apparel did. Mrs. Charles Vajda was chairman of wrapping and she recruited nine members from the American Legion Auxiliary.

Most of our Board members were there along with Jay Doty and Les Hunter from the Kiwanis Club. Seventeen people worked over two and one half hours. Christmas paper and ribbon had been donated.

Leon Rochette, president of the Kiwanis took on the project of covering 23 large cartons with Christmas paper. A card with the name of the family was stapled to each carton.

Then came the job of picking out toys and clothing for the children of these families and packing them in the large carton. Each day brought us donations of money.

The women's societies of the churches sent us checks from their organizations. St. Francis Episcopal Guild, St. Mary's Altar Society, Methodist WSCS, Mt. Hope Lutheran, St. John Lutheran and the RLDS.

Along with the Methodist check came a donation of canned goods. The Jolly Girls Hobby Club sent us clothing, toys and canned goods.

And then a very special gift arrived. The children from Mt. Hope Sunday School and the children of St. Mary's School sent us over 300 individually wrapped packages. Canned fruit, canned vegetables, soups, cake mixes, catsup, jams, juices. You name it, it was all there.

So we were faced with another big job. Back to the different stores to collect empty cartons. We had over 500 cans and packages to pack.

We decided that just before the boxes were delivered we would add meat. Where there were large families we packed eight pound pork roasts. We hunted for large chickens but found out most chickens don't grow too large any more so we settled for those weighing around three pounds. Fourteen roasts and 13 chickens were purchased. This job fell to Agnes Hawkins, Marge Haugh and Johanna Gorman.

The chickens went to small families and to some of our elderly people. Our Christmas was not just for the children you know, though they did play a large part. We had some shut-ins that lived alone. Sure they would have Christmas dinner but we wanted to add just a few extras.

We had an old man on our list and to him Christmas would have been just another day, but a chicken, some nourishing food and a warm pair of slippers made it a special day.

We remembered that we had some of our elder citizens living in out-side nursing homes, Gladwin, Mio, West

Branch and Gaylord. These people had families and would be remembered, but we thought it would be nice to remember them, too. We sent each one a plant that would look so cheerful on Christmas morning and to those that could no longer see, we sent candy and fruit.

In the years past the Kiwanis Club had delivered for their organization and the Woman's Club but with so many more names this year, we solicited the help of the Grayling Jaycees. We would have liked to deliver Christmas Eve, but everyone likes to be home that night with their families, so we decided on Monday, Dec. 23.

We worked until 8:00 Sunday night getting ready for the next day and when we left, the clubhouse looked like Santa's warehouse.

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Conclusion

We planned to start our deliveries about 3:00. So far everyone had cooperated but Monday old Mother Nature decided she wouldn't. It snowed and the wind blew and it turned very cold. We had four Jaycees coming to help deliver the packages. Marge Haugh, Johanna Gorman and myself where at the clubhouse to help them load. Three o'clock came and went, so did 3:30 and 4:00. Four-thirty arrived and there we sat, a clubhouse full of toys and food but no delivery boys. At 15 minutes to five, Lary Gust arrived. He had been in Traverse City and although he expected to be home by 1:30, slippery roads did not permit it. He gave us the news that "flu" had felled Larry Hunter, so there would be just three to deliver.

By now it was getting dark and the storm getting worse. We had several cartons for the southwest part of the county, nine to 14 miles away. Johanna decided she would make the trip with Lary. After all who knows Crawford County side roads better than Johanna? We loaded Lary's station wagon and watched them start off.

Finally Chuck Fick arrived. Even big trucks can have trouble when the roads are drifting and Chuck and his Standard Oil truck had been going round and round with a huge drift near Lovells. Later Clyde Weiss arrived and he also had been delayed due to drifted roads. The storm was not getting any better and we decided Clyde should start with his load, down river and the northeast part of the county. We hoped he would be able to find the places in the dark.

Then Lary and Johanna returned. They had found no driveways plowed so Lary had waded in from main highways carrying the heavy cartons. We agreed then that Johanna had done her bit for the day and should go home.

Lary and I took one section of town and Marge and Chuck the other. No driveways were plowed in town so again the boys had to carry cartons from the road. Some places had cheery signs of Christmas with a little tree and blinking lights and big-eyed youngsters met the boys at the door. Others were dismal with just nothing and you came away with mixed emotions.

At 9:30 we met back at the clubhouse. All the boxes for the north

part of the county still sat there. Also one for the south end of the county 17 miles away. This one we knew we couldn't do that night. It was snowing harder outside now and with the wind blowing the way it was we knew it wouldn't be too long before some roads would be impassable. A council of war followed to see if we should wait and finish the next day or go as far as we could that night. We decided on the latter and loaded everything into one wagon.

The four of us went. After all if we got stuck four could push better than two. Sometimes in our trip north we couldn't see the road and when we reached Frederic, we knew we couldn't go on. What to do with our load? Then Marge remembered our very good friends Ace and Letha Leng. Perhaps we could leave the cartons there and they could be delivered the next day. They were going to bed when Marge knocked. Of course we could leave them there. The boys carried them into Letha's kitchen. Their reward, she had baked Christmas cookies and they both had big pockets.

We started for home wondering where Clyde was. We didn't have a 2-way Dick Tracy wrist radio so we couldn't contact him.

When we got back to the clubhouse to pick up our cars, we discovered a lone baby doll wrapped in a blanket in the bottom of Lary's car. She had fallen from a carton and was going to belong to a little girl two years old who lived nine miles from town. But it was after 11:00 p.m., still storming and we were through for the day.

The next morning the storm had died down but we knew the side roads would not be plowed until late in the day and maybe not at all. There was still the basket for the family in the southern part of the county and the baby doll. I called Roberta Wright and asked if she knew of anyone who might deliver these. Yes, she did, she and Russ would. They would take their snowmobile along in case they needed it. They delivered the baby doll and went on to the last place. An oil truck had been in ahead of them, making a track so it was not necessary to use the snowmobile. So at noon Dec. 24, our deliveries were made and that brings us to the end of the story "The Christmas Miracle."

Note: The end, but just for 1968. We thought it was a wonderful Christmas but it never could have been accomplished without the help of all the wonderful people in our community. We wish space permitted us to list the names of those who donated food, clothing, money and their valuable time. We hope to continue this program through the coming years. And again, thank you.

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More than just a Christmas Cantata, *I'll Be Home For Christmas* is a full-blown theatrical production, complete with pit orchestra, scenery, costumes and actors. Members of the Michelson

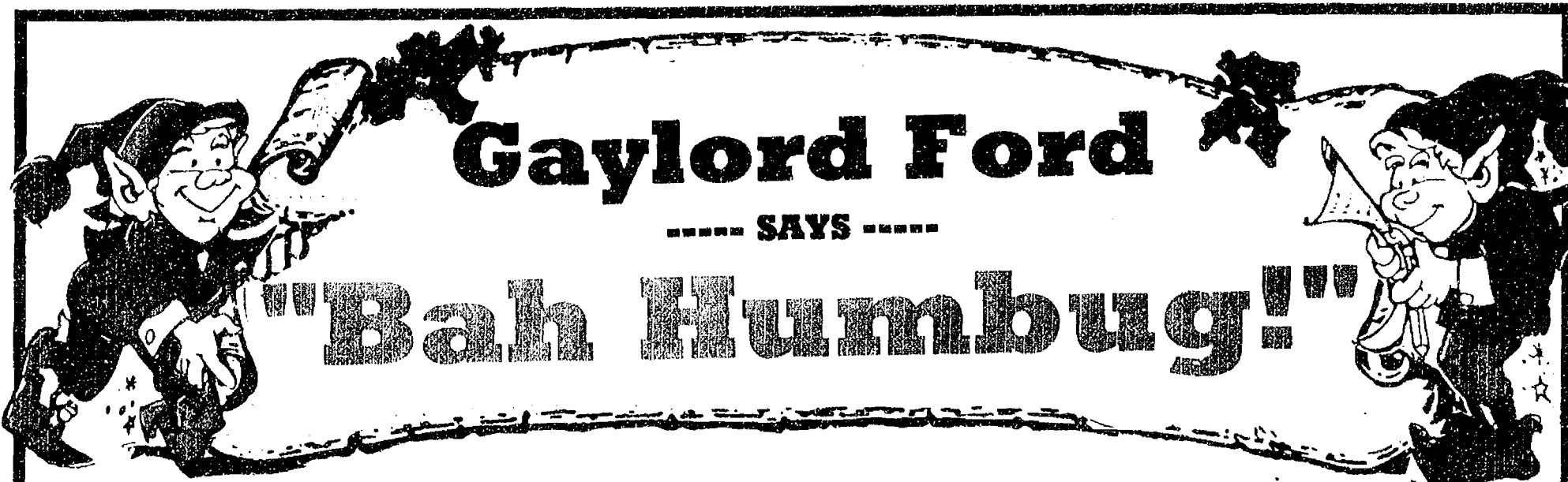
Chancel Choir, assisted by other singers from throughout the community, will set the tone of the production, which is set in late autumn of 1941. The musical depicts the life of one family as it enters a most difficult time in the history of the world.

If you are old enough to have enjoyed such things as *Fibber McGee and Molly*, *The Shadow*, and *The Lone Ranger*, on the radio, you will have some idea of what the show is like. The focal point of the entire production is the old console radio which sits in the living room of the Howard West home in San Francisco, where everyone is waiting for the big Christmas broadcast of 1941, which is preempted by the most shocking event in all history, the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese.

What happens is not really a

Christmas production which one might expect to see in a traditional, mid-America Methodist Church, as they celebrate the Christmas season. Instead it is the heart warming story of a middle-class American family as they struggle to cope with an impending world crisis.

If you are one who enjoys a really good story, if you are thrilled by the sounds of a "big band," if you can recall with fond memories the sounds of Carmen Miranda, Gabriel Heatter, Frank Sinatra and the Andrews Sisters, this show will be a real treat for you. There are no reserved seats, and there is no admission charge. However, a free-will offering will be taken to help defray the cost of the production. Plan to return to 1941 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.



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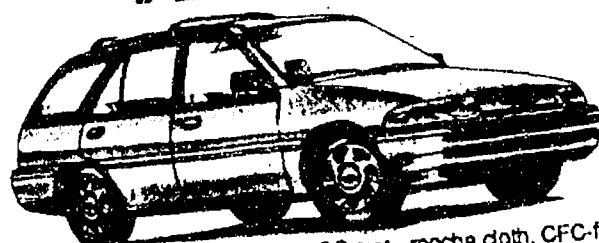
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New Life reorganizes community services

By Don Geiss

A new director, new quarters and a new collection of counseling services highlight a continuing valuable program at New Life Community Service.

Roberta Buss, the agency director comes to the position from Houghton Lake. She supervises the program on a 3-day-per-week basis and has a teaching responsibility outside the area. She described the service as, "A human service agency dedicated to improving the spiritual, emotional, mental, physical and social concerns of people in the north central lower peninsula."

The counseling offered includes substance abuse, family and marriage, victims and batterers in domestic situations and group and individual. Buss said, "There are six people on staff, most of whom are part time." Separate spiritual counseling is also available to anyone in the area. Service fees are based on family income with \$5 being the minimum for an individual and \$10 for a family.

Buss said, "New life is an incorporated non-profit program operated as an outreach program of St. Francis Episcopal Church much the same as the Thrift Shop." A 7-member board of directors, composed of church

members is selected by the St. Francis Bishop's Committee. The director is responsible for securing funding, administering programs, overseeing personnel, supervising record keeping procedures and acting as liaison with the church and community.

Buss said, "We are supported by client fees, private foundations, community groups, Crawford County United Way, the Diocese of Michigan and government funding. Although we appreciate the numerous ways that St. Francis supports our programs, we receive no direct funding from the parish."

Individual counseling is conducted on Tuesday nights and group counseling is held on Thursday evenings, from 5 to 7 p.m. Staff members consist of Bob Copeland, substance abuse, Tim Neal, substance prevention, Rev. Jacquie Guernsey, family counseling, Bonnie Odell, administrative assistant, and Judy Woodland, secretary.

Buss said, "The New Life board meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in our new quarters. Our meetings are open to the public and any board or staff member will welcome suggestions."

The offices are located in the new building adjacent to St. Francis Church.

VFW food drive exceeds previous year's donations

On Dec. 10, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Carl W. Borchert Post 3736 and Auxiliary, held their annual food drive to aid the Crawford County Christian Help Center.

Through the generosity of the citizens of Grayling and surrounding communities, the VFW was able to present \$678.45 in cash and over \$400 in commodities.

The veterans and auxiliary members would like to express their appreciation

to all who participated in the food drive. It was through everyone's help that we were able to meet our goal of exceeding last year's donations.

Christmas concert set at Kirtland

Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts presents *Stars Upon A Holiday Stage*, on Sunday, Dec. 18 at Kirtland Community College.

Celebrate the season at Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts as choirs from Whittemore-Prescott High School, Roscommon High School and Ogemaw County present their brightest stars singing the highlights from their holiday repertoire. The highlight of the evening is the unprecedented choir of over 75 vocalists from a 300 square mile area, singing together for the first time ever on the Gilbert I. Stewart Auditorium Stage.

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SECTION SPORTS

Section B - Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, December 15, 1994

Girls say good-bye in basketball awards ceremony

Senior Viking girls' basketball standout Nicole Parker was recently honored when she was named to the all-state honorable mention team by the *Detroit Free Press*.

"I'm very excited and very happy," Parker said, "because I worked so hard for it."

Parker finished the season as the leading Viking scorer with 309 points for a 15.5 point-per-game average. She also led the team with 43 assists and 83 steals and was the driving force in her team's second place conference finish.

Parker dominated the team's annual awards ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 7, also receiving an all-league most valuable player (MVP) award, a Viking team most valuable player award, a Viking captains award and the Viking hustle award.

In honoring Parker, Viking Head Coach Tom Mills said, "Nicole is a really good defensive player. She became a complete player this year on both ends of the floor and she inspired a lot of people with her intensity."

Joining Parker as a league MVP was junior Amy Neal, who led the team in rebounding with 161 boards and was second in scoring with 189 points. She also received a Viking captains award.

Honorable mention all-league went to juniors Brooke Blaauw and Jenny Wilkins. For Blaauw, it was her second straight year for the honor.

"I was honored to get the award again," Blaauw said.

The most improved award went to sophomore Michelle Duncley.

For Parker and teammate seniors Carol Lanczy and Nicole Wilcox, the ceremony marked an end to basketball at Grayling High School, and each was given a chance to say their good-bye and thank their coaches, teammates and parents, and each was honored by their coach.

"Carol Lanczy worked hard for us all year," Mills said. "She is a good rebounder and she's strong and very aggressive."

"Nicole Wilcox worked to improve and became a good shooter both inside and outside."

"All three seniors were important members of the team and we'll miss them next year," Mills added.

The Vikings finished their season with an overall 10-10 record and a 5-3 conference record, which placed them in a tie for second place in the Great Northern Conference, Huron Division.

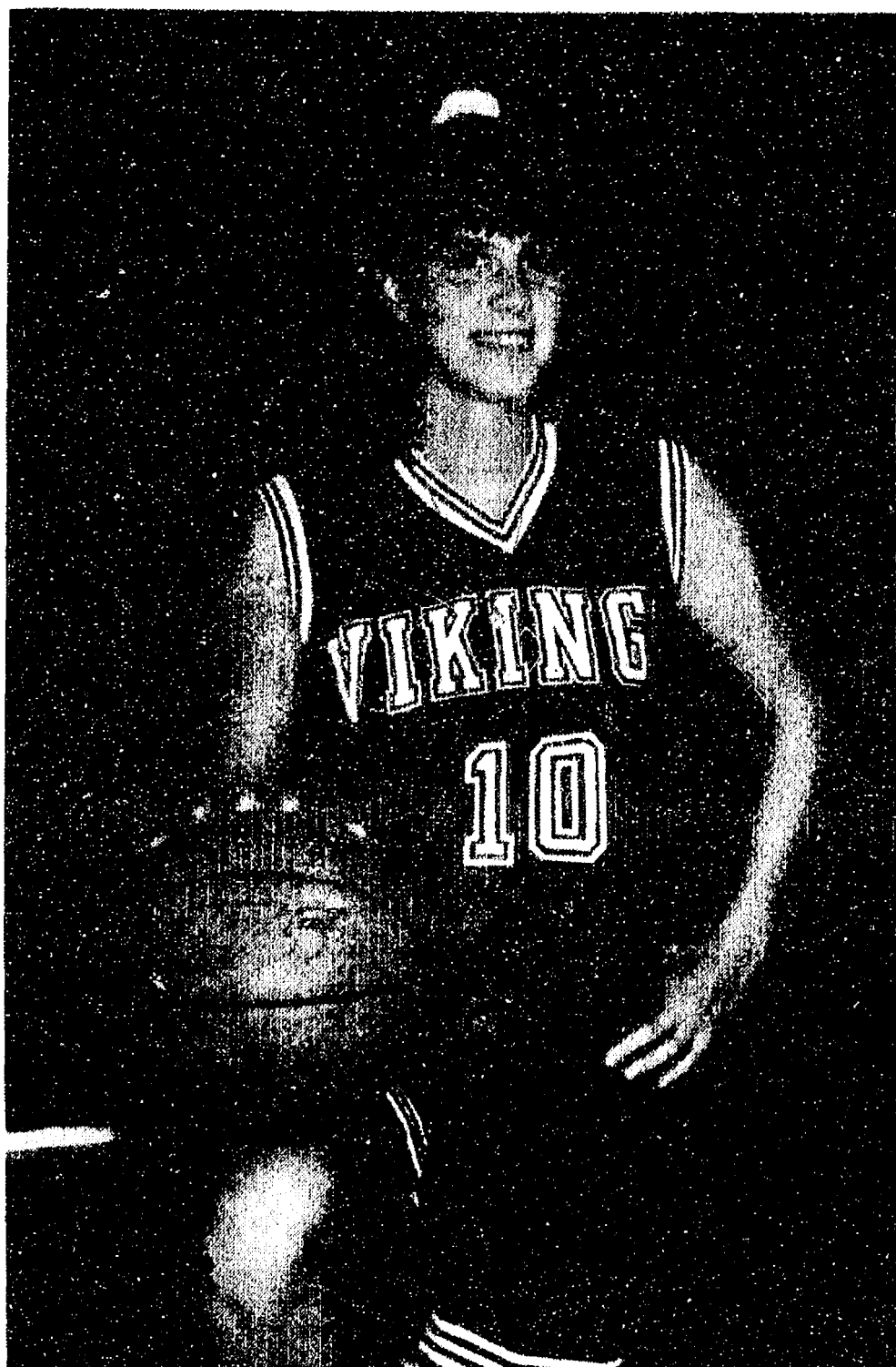
"I thought we could have won a couple more games," Mills said, "but there were a couple we did win and probably shouldn't have. We were a team of inconsistencies. We could never dig ourselves out when we faced a 10 or 12 point lead."

"I think next year will be exciting," he added. "On a team of 11 players, we have eight returning, including four who started most of the season. We'll also have some quality players coming up from this year's JV team who will fit in well with the program."

"We improved from third to second in the conference this year," Mills said. "Next year, our sights are set on first place in the league."

Nicole Parker

Detroit Free Press all-state pick



NICOLE PARKER



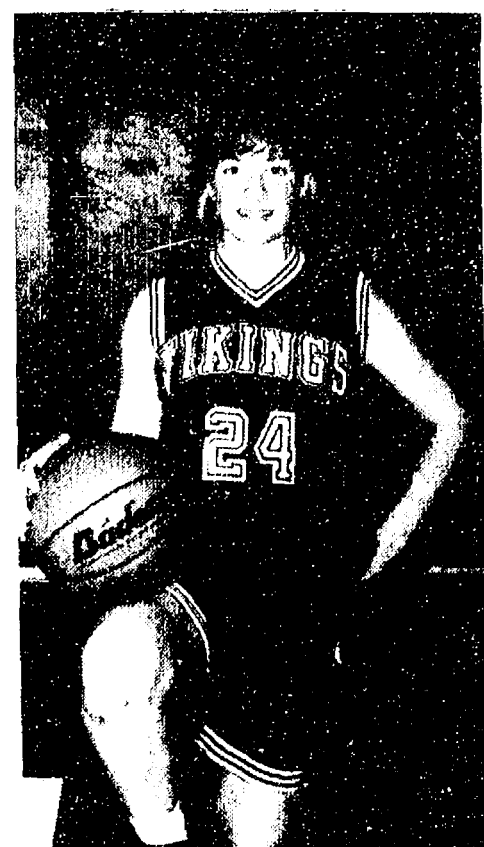
AMY NEAL



JENNY WILKINS



BROOKE BLAAUW



MICHELLE DUNCLEY

Wrestlers win six of seven matches

The Grayling High School wrestling team is off to another fast start, winning six of its first seven matches.

Head Coach Don Ferguson, beginning his 24th year as GHS wrestling mentor, said this year's team, "should be good."

Ferguson proved to be a man of wisdom as his team entered its first dual meet on Thursday, Dec. 8, against Gladwin and Meridian. The Vikings walloped the Meridian team by a 65-11 score, but fell to Gladwin, 48-27.

Four Vikings earned medals for their 2-win, no-loss matches including seniors Andy Langowski (Heavyweight) and Tom Oberg (119-pounds). Also earning medals were junior Dale Kniss (215), and freshman Dave Shepherd.

Winning one of two matches were sophomore Dana Beckwith (100), freshman Danielle Dushane (106), sophomore Eddie Davis (126), freshman Ben Malonen (134), sophomore Jason Hall (142), sophomore Josh Taylor (151), freshman Joe Woidan (160) and sophomore Will Miller (172).

On Saturday, Dec. 10, the Vikings traveled to the Roscommon Invitational Team Tournament and came home with the first-place trophy.

Grayling defeated all the competition, including a win over Roscommon by a 66-9 score, a 54-15 win over Houghton Lake, a 54-21 win over Kalkaska, a win over Manton by a 48-28 score and a 45-27 win over Onaway.

Viking medalists included Beckwith, Shepherd, Oberg, Kniss and Langowski, who all compiled perfect 5-0 win/loss records. Miller also took a medal with a 4-1 record.

Ferguson named Langowski his team's Viking of the Week and said others who wrestled well included: Davis, 4-1; Hall, 3-2; Dushane, 2-3; Taylor, 2-3; sophomore Josh Colby, 1-3; Malonen, 0-4 and freshman Nate Niederer who compiled a 1-4 record.

The Vikings entertain Houghton Lake and Gaylord on Thursday, Dec. 15, at the Grayling High School gymnasium. Wrestling begins at 6 p.m.

Viking boys roll into new season

By Terry Wright
News Editor

Great Northern Conference boys' basketball is underway and the defending champions of the Huron Division, the Grayling Vikings, are out of the starting blocks in their attempt to win it again.

In a close, hard-fought battle with a determined opponent, the Viking basketball squad opened its 1994-95 season Tuesday, Dec. 6, on the winning track, defeating the Kalkaska Blue Blazers, 59-47.

The game was the first of three road games before the Vikings return

to their home court on Tuesday, Dec. 20, to host the Northmen of Petoskey.

At Kalkaska, both teams struggled in the first quarter, unable to find the basket. Grayling scored only 10 points and Kalkaska scored nine. By halftime, the teams were getting into stride with the Vikings leading, 28-22, on an 18-point second quarter made possible by the bullseye outside shooting of senior Viking Shane Hinkle.

In the second half, the Vikings continued to build on their lead, and at the final horn had an opening season, 59-47 victory.

Hinkle led all scorers with 21 points, including four 3-pointers.

Senior Ben Croze was the only other Viking in double figures with 12 points on four field goals and 4-of-4 free throw attempts. Seniors Chris Jones and Scott Longendyke added eight points each. Other Viking scorers were senior Brian Duncley with two points; and juniors Chris Kucharek, Joe Godlewski, Corey Northrop and Jason Thompson, who all chipped in two points each.

The total Viking offense included 21 field goals and 13 of 20 from the charity stripe.

The Viking twosome of Croze and Longendyke dominated the backboards. Croze pulled in 19 big rebounds, while Longendyke added 11. Croze also gave the Blue Devils fits by blocking 10 of their shots.

In the assist department, Jones led the team with seven. Hinkle and Croze added four apiece.

For his big game, 12 points, 19 rebounds, 10 blocked shots and four assists, Croze earned his coaches' nod as "Viking of the Week."

Blue Blazer Andy McCollum led the Kalkaska scorers with 17 points.

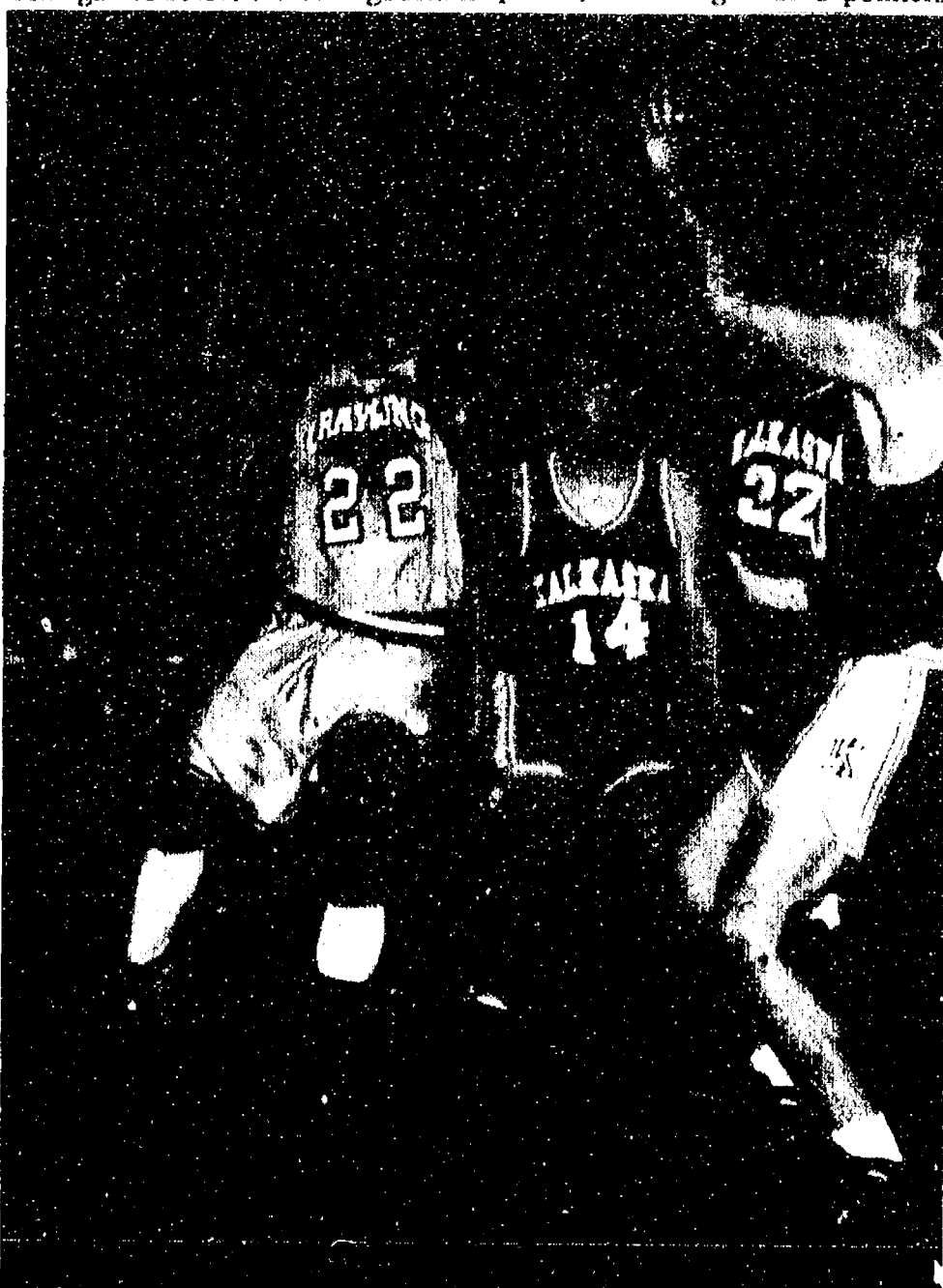
"Our kids played with a lot of poise, especially in the second half, hitting 12 of 16 free throws," Moffit said. "We've improved a lot since the beginning of practice and the growth will continue because of the strong work ethic of our players and their willingness to learn and improve."

In the early game, the Kalkaska junior varsity topped the Viking JV squad, 64-44.

The Vikings second game was Tuesday, Dec. 13, in Elk Rapids. On Friday, Dec. 16, Grayling opens conference play when it travels to challenge the Onaway Cardinals.

23 years ago Dec. 16, 1971

Following two straight losses, the Grayling Vikings erupted last Friday evening on their home court, with a 96-61 romp over the Onaway Cardinals in a Northern Lower Michigan League contest.



VIKING ACTION--The GHS boys' basketball team is back in action. Pictured is Chris Jones (#22) going up for the shot with Ben Croze (#13) right behind in recent action versus Kalkaska. The Vikes won the game, 59-47.

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Viking PLAYERS

OF THE WEEK

Basketball

Ben Croze

Playing a strong physical game against Kalkaska, this senior pulled down 19 rebounds, blocked 10 shots and scored 12 points in his team's 59-47 victory.

Wrestling

Andy Langowski

This senior heavyweight has earned seven straight medals with a 7-win, no-loss record and helped his team beat six of its first seven opponents.

Hunting & Fishing

Weekly Update

THE DEER HUNTING SEASONS ARE DRAWING TO A CLOSE and it's time to start moving on to new adventures. Cold nights are making more ice all the time. Some are already fishing on Otsego Lake up near Gaylord, with some good catches of perch and walleye. This first ice can be some of the year's best fishing, but you must be very careful to watch close for soft spots.

Carry a spud and check the ice depths often. If you don't already ice fish, you might consider taking it up. It's not too expensive to start and it's lots of fun. More on this next week.

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1994 Football Contest

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Gary C. Derenzy won the 15th week of the football contest with 23 total points! Kenneth Conklin, Todd Harmer, Pamela Hull, Ralph Krolczyk, and Duane Wales were all close behind with 22 total points.

The top contenders after the 15th week in the overall contest are: Kelly Curtis, 189; Mark Hartman, Scott Wakeley, 187; Butch Brown, 184; Leon D'Amour, Larry Davis Jr., 183; Thomas Goddard, Chris Golnick, Curt LaMotte, 182; Larry Rouse, Glenn Anderson, Jacquie Glander, and Mary Brown, 181.

Out of the 167 entries received, only 38 had

20 or more points, with nine having 10 or less points (one of them being a five!). Since there are only two college games this week, we are doubling up on one professional game. You can play it safe and pick one of each, or be daring and use the same one for both slots. Good Luck.

Last week's winners:

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Albion 5 points (53) | 9. Pittsburgh |
| 2. Green Bay 5 points | 10. LA Raiders |
| 3. Detroit | 11. San Francisco |
| 4. Cleveland | 12. Seattle |
| 5. NY Giants | 13. Arizona |
| 6. New England | 14. New Orleans |
| 7. Tampa Bay 2 points | 15. Boise State |
| 8. Minnesota | 16. N. Alabama (26) |

How to win.

To be a weekly winner:

- Write your prediction for game one on entry form.
- Write the advertiser's name on entry form for game one. All the advertisers must be included.
- Fill out rest of entry form this way including your three tie-breaker predictions (total points scored by both teams).
- Return the entry form by 5 p.m. Friday to the Avalanche. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 p.m. and before 9 a.m. Mail entries must be postmarked Friday or earlier. No late entries accepted. No exceptions.
- The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed.

To win the overall prizes:

- Each time you turn in an entry form you'll receive points for your correct picks. Most games will be worth one point. (All games for week 1 are worth one point each.) Later in the season, certain games will be designated as bonus point games worth more than one point. The biggest bonus point game will be at the last week of the contest.
- You don't have to enter each week to be eligible to win but if you play each week, you'll have more chances to win points.
- The person with the most points at the end of the football contest will win all the overall prizes.

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- *Sports cap from Scheer Motors
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- *Fish fry dinner for two from the Swamp II
- *\$10 gift certificate from Grayling Glen's Market
- *\$10 gift certificate from Abel Auto Parts
- *Free large sandwich, large fries, large drink & dessert (of your choice) from Burger King
- *\$10 off any service at Grayling Car Care
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Overall Prizes

- *Free lube, oil & filter from Scheer Motors
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- *\$25 gift certificate from Mac's Drugs
- *\$10 gift certificate from Grayling Glen's Market
- *Free lube, oil & filter from Don Nester
- *\$50 off any purchase from Abel Auto Parts
- *\$25 gift certificate from Grayling Red Barn
- *\$50 gift certificate from Comfort Center
- *Free full service oil change at Grayling Car Care (\$20.40 value)
- *\$100 and one year free subscription from the Crawford County Avalanche

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Week #16 for games Dec. 17 & 18

Game	WINNER	ADVERTISER
Game 1		
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Game 8		
Game 9		
Game 10		
Game 11		
Game 12		
Game 13		
Game 14		
Game 15		
Game 16		

Tiebreaker 1 (total points scored in game 1) _____
Tiebreaker 2 (total points scored in game 16) _____
Tiebreaker 3 (total points scored in game 8) _____

Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules

- Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Entry blanks without advertisers listed will be invalid.
- One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford Co. Avalanche employees are not eligible.
- Completed entry blanks must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 p.m. Friday before each week's games. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m. Friday. Mail to Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI, 49738.
- Entries must be on an official entry blank as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office.
- Winners may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming a prize.

9. Cincinnati vs. Arizona

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Skiers hoping for white Christmas

Skiing in northern Michigan should be possible by this weekend according to representatives from Skyline, Hanson Hills, Forbush Corners and the Cross Country Ski Shop.

"Crawford County is one of the nicest spots in the state for skiing," said Dick Fultz of the Cross Country Ski Shop. It's a great sport and there are a lot of good places in the county said Fultz.

A late start isn't uncommon in northern Michigan, but it can hurt the already short ski season. Modern technology has done a bit to help lengthen the season, but it's still up to Mother Nature to provide the cold weather needed for the technology to be effective.

For the last three years, Hanson Hills has been making snow for downhill skiing. There are a lot of variables

to making snow, but low temperatures and low humidity is important said Dan Wyers, director of the Grayling Recreation Authority. The colder the temperature, the more snow they can make.

Making snow allows Hanson Hills to open earlier and maintain a base all year. Before Hanson Hills could make snow, the February thaw could melt the snow base completely to the bare ground.

Wyers said Hanson Hills will be opening up Saturday, Dec. 17. Not all runs will be open, but 2-3 runs will be.

"We have very little natural snow," said Wyers. "While you've been sleeping and working this past week, our pumps have been running all week (making artificial snow)."

"Skiers seem to get tired of skiing by mid-March, but for the last three

years we've had some good conditions in March," said Wyers.

In the years before Hanson Hills could make snow, the opening of the season has been delayed until the second week of January. Last year, even with man-made snow, Hanson Hills didn't open until Dec. 26. The opening would have been much later if it weren't for their snowmaking capabilities.

Skyline doesn't have the advantage of snowmaking, but they do have the advantage of location. The cold air from the north blows directly on the ski runs, which has allowed Skyline to open fairly early in the season and to remain open well into March.

Fultz said there is no such thing as a normal year in northern Michigan, but by now we should have had two or three weeks of skiing, even if mar-

ginal.

This year, the Cross Country Ski Shop has managed to get in one week of skiing before the early snow melted. Typically their supply of rental skis are completely rented out between Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Fultz said if people are renting skis, it's because they have an interest. They find out they don't freeze while skiing because they are getting exercise.

The percentage of people who buy after renting is pretty high said Fultz.

Forbush Corners plans to be open as soon as it gets the snowfall weather forecasters are predicting. Dave Forbush said, "We plan on being open this weekend, depending on whether we get snow or not. We've got about an inch, it wouldn't take much to get us back in shape."

GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY

POOL LEAGUE

Crawford Pool League
Dec. 5

Swamp II	100-62
Weyerhaeuser	96-66
Frederic Inn	85-77
Plaza	83-79
Red Barn I	79-83
Spikes	72-90
Red Barn II	70-92
Holiday Inn	63-99

Women's Volleyball League	3-0
Mercy Hospital	3-0
Grayling Car Care	2-2
The Fun Team	0-3
Bloomquist Spikers	0-3
Mercy Hospital North	0-3

Free skiing offered to 4th and 5th graders

The Grayling Recreation Authority, in cooperation with the Crawford AuSable School District and the Grayling Youth Booster Club, is offering free ski lessons to fourth and fifth graders in the area.

Children will be separated into groups and bussed directly from school

to Hanson Hills on their assigned day. Parents are responsible for picking their child up at 5 p.m. Children will receive notification through school of what day to attend. For more information, please call the Grayling Recreation Authority at 348-9266.

Still time to register for boys basketball

Grayling Recreation Authority is taking late registrations for boys basketball leagues, for boys in first through sixth grades. Third through sixth grade boys will play for eight weeks, with games on Saturdays. First

and second grade boys will play Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Grayling Elementary School.

For more information, call the Grayling Recreation Authority at 348-9266.

Hanson Hills ski area to open Dec. 17

The Grayling Recreation Authority will open the Hanson Hills Ski Area for the 1994-95 ski season on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 11 a.m. Hours for this weekend will be 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hanson Hills will be closed during the week, but will continue to make snow. Call for updated conditions, current hours of operations, and holiday schedule, at 348-9266.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League

Scheer Motors	36-16
Peterson Saw	30-22
Glen's	28-24
North Country R.V.	26-26
Cornell	25-27
Mickey Perez CPA	24-28
Terry's Sport Center	21-31
Mark 8	18-34

High Game: S. Noeske, 198, M. Perez, 187, B. Wheeler, S. Noeske, 186. High Series: M. Perez, 508, S. Noeske, 506, V. Balmes, 503.	
Northwood League	
Patti's Towne House	34
Richi Cycle	33.5
Boono Cuts	33
Burger King	33
Stitch-in-Time	27
Helsel Bros.	26.5
Subway	22
Goodale's Bakery	15

High Game: J. Potter, 193, W. Millikin, 190, P. D'Amour, 189. High Series: J. Potter, 526, W. Millikin, 473, N. Ervin, 480.	
National League	
Moore's Automotive	31
Carquest	30.5
Guns & Grub	29
Frederic Inn	28.5
Budweiser	26
Spikes	24.5
Sutles	24
Georgia Pacific Resin	15.5

High Game: K. Best, 213, D. Lozon, 211, C. Golinick, 210. High Series: D. Lozon, 578, D. Brantley, 556, S. Miller, 562.	
Senior Citizens Bowling League	
Baynham's Forest Products	36.5-19.5
Totten's Body Shop	35-21
Bucilli's Pizza	33-23
Larry & Joan's Place	30-26
Sylvester's Sports	30-26
Flowers By Josie	26-30
Cornell Realty	19.5-36.5
Century 21	14-42

Men's High Game: J. Porter, 232, E. Wilde, 203, H. Ingram, R. Dandy, 195. Men's High Series: J. Porter, 558, H. Ingram, 557, F. Krolkowski, 523.	
Women's High Game: L. Dandy, 182, A. Kusrak, 181, J. Kellogg, 164. Women's High Series: A. Kusrak, 506, D. Mead, D. Burrick, 436, L. Dandy, 431.	

American Men's League

McLean's	26
Upper Lakes	22
Red Barn	19
Auto Value	18
Swamp II	17
Northland Appliance	14
Grayling RV	13
Stitches by Sue	11

High Game: E. Teed, 226, B. Palmer, 218, R. Pyle, 213. High Series: E. Teed, 583, J. Lee, 561, R. Pyle, 558.	
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Triangle League

Barber Const.	33.5-14.5
Helsel's	30-18
Roshy Const.	30-18
Grayling Ford	29-19
Darrell's Roofing	22.5-25.5
Jackson Trio	21-27
Rochette's IGA	13.5-34.5
J.J.'s Motor Mall	12.5-35.5

Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

Sutles	33-19
Computer Services Co.	28-24
Odd Balls	27-25
Mac's Drugs	26-26
Robideau Const. #1	26-26
All Seasons Drywall	26-26
Strikers	21-31
Robideau Const. #2	21-31

Sunday Fun League

Helsel's #2	28
Helsel Bros.	27
Deb & Dale's	26
Legion Lanes	25
Cedar Motel	21
No Fear	19
Roshy Construction	17
Dominadors	17

Men's High Game

Men's High Game: D. Lozon, 185, 180, R. Palmer, 181, M. Roshy, 177. Men's High Series: D. Lozon, 506, L. Baker, 505, T. Messerschmidt, 483.

Women's High Game

Women's High Game: S. France, 208, 184,

F. Frisbie, 179, S. Sumner, 170. Women's High Series: S. France, 528, F. Frisbie, 487, K. Lozon, 468.

Thursday Morning Coffee League

Davy's Girls	34
Bucilli's	33
Lone Pine Inn	33
Hardes	25
AuSable Construction	23
Legion Lanes	21
Spikes	21
Wakeley's Golden Girls	18

High Game: S. Romain, 196, S. France, 188, 176, T. Papendick, N. Ervin, 176. High Series: S. France, 516, S. Romain, 482, B. DeHart, 479.

Pioneer League

Millikins	31-21
Mercy Hospital	30-22
Chemical Bank	29-23
Custom Interior	27-25
M & M Crafts	26-26
Eagles Auxiliary	23-29
Aunt Betty's	21-31
Avalanche	21-31

High Game: J. Hinds, 183, K. Moshier, A. Latusek, 179. High Series: K. Moshier, 526, J. Harland, 512, J. Hinds, 498.

Friday Night Mixed Doubles

Moshier's Auto	33-15
Aunt Betty's	26-22
A. H. Rental & Repair	25-23
AJD	24-24
Wakeley Builders	24-24
Pizza Hut	23-25
Advance Collision	23-25
Main Stream Realty	14-34

Men's High Game: J. Prosser, 220, D. Lozon, 194, B. Trudeau, 191. Men's High Series: D. Lozon, 561, B. Trudeau, 519, R. Brush, 516.

Women's High Game: K. Lozon, K. Moshier, 190, C. Brush, 185, J. Hinds, 184. Women's High Series: J. Hinds, 512, K. Moshier, 497, C. Brush, 492.

Free Diabetic Foot Clinic and Education

Tuesday, Dec. 20
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By Elizabeth McMillin, Family Nutrition Education Program Coordinator, Crawford County MSU Extension

If you are planning on doing some fishing, you need to give some thought to the safety of your catch. "You need to make sure that the lakes, streams and rivers you fish in are not contaminated, and you need to take precautions with your catch to make sure it is safe to eat," said Elizabeth McMillin, family nutrition education program coordinator, M.S.U. Extension Service.

Check the Michigan Department of Public Health's *Fish Consumption Advisory* to make sure the fishing location isn't contaminated. Once you have a safe site, follow these guidelines to prevent foodborne illness.

Finfish

- Scale, gut and clean fish as soon as they are caught. Be sure to bring clean

equipment to do this. Live fish can be kept on stringers or in live wells as long as they have enough water and can move.

- Food — raw or cooked — that has been sitting at outdoor temperatures for more than two hours is not safe to eat.

- Wrap the cleaned fish in watertight plastic containers and store on ice. Place three to four inches of ice on the bottom of a cooler. Alternate layers of fish and ice. Store the cooler out of the sun, if possible, and cover it with a blanket. Keep the lid of the cooler closed as much as possible to minimize ice melting.

- Once you get your catch home, eat it within one to two days. If you know you won't be able to eat the fish within two days, freeze it. Use frozen fish within three to six months to ensure quality.

- Cook all finfish to a temperature of 140 degrees Fahrenheit or hotter to kill bacteria, viruses or parasites that might be present.

Shellfish

- For food safety, crabs, lobsters and other shellfish must be kept alive until cooked. Store them in live wells or out of water in a bushel basket or laundry basket under wet burlap.

- Crabs and lobsters are best eaten the day they are caught. Live oysters should be cooked in seven to 10 days; mussels and clams in four to five days.

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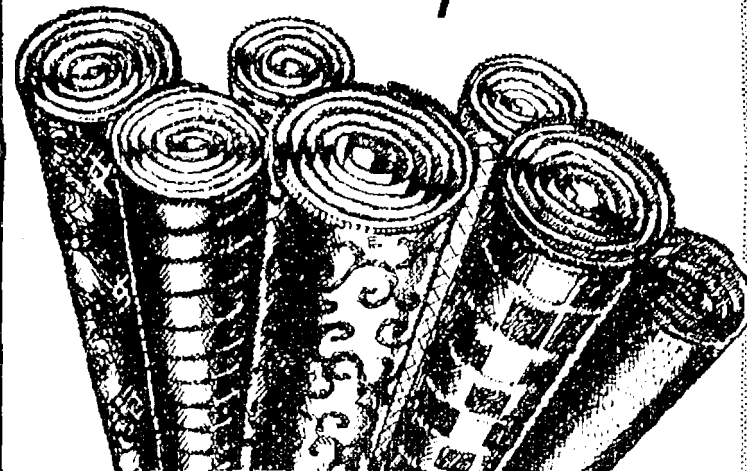
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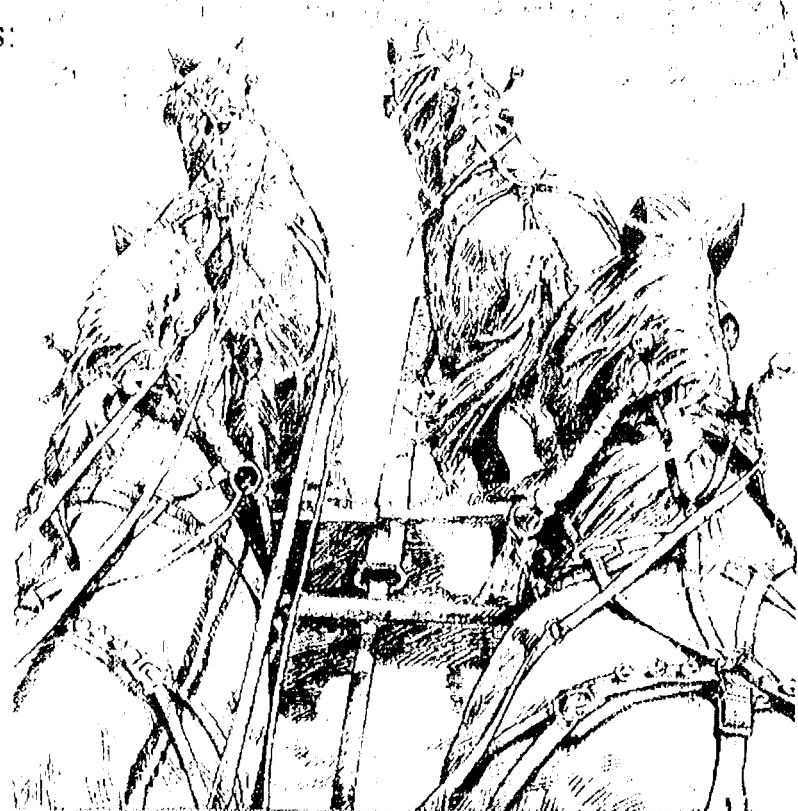
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Junior Miss contestants help children with Christmas decorations



MAKING DECORATIONS--1995 Grayling Junior Miss contestants spent Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Grayling Eagle's Club helping children design and make their own Christmas decorations. Above (top) are Brooke Blaauw and Jaymie Corlew and (bottom) Jessica Smith and Jill Love. More than 100 children participated in the day which was sponsored by the MSU Cooperative Extension.

1995 Winter Wolf Challenge seeks hearty competitors



The 1995 Grayling Winter Wolf Challenge committee is seeking persons willing to challenge themselves against the Winter Wolf triathlon events of kayaking, nordic skiing and snowshoeing.

The event takes place on the weekend of Jan. 28-29.

On the morning of Saturday, Jan. 28, the kayak events will begin in front of Ray's Canoes in downtown Grayling, sprint a short distance downstream, then return to Ray's.

The five kilometer nordic ski event and the three kilometer snowshoe event take place on Sunday, Jan. 29 at Hanson Hills.

All events are divided into classes for juniors ages 14-18, classic ages 19-49 and masters competitors ages 50 and over.

Following the completion of the events, cash prizes and medals will be awarded to the top three finishers for men and women in both classic and master divisions. Junior winners will receive trophies.

Registration for athletes is \$20 if postmarked by Jan. 7. Late registrations will be accepted until 10 a.m. on Jan. 28, at a cost of \$25.

For more information on the 1995 Grayling Winter Wolf Challenge please contact the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce or the Grayling Area Visitors Council by phoning 1-800-937-8837.

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BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

Several members of the Grayling High School Class of 1942 and spouses had dinner together at the Iron Gate on Monday evening. No special occasion, just an evening of visiting. Plans were made for another dinner in April.

Jack and Gloria Alef left for Florida and would like their friends to know where they are. Their address is as follows: Apt. 304C, 2875 Palm Beach Blvd., Ft. Myers, FL 33916. They plan to be back in Grayling about the middle of May.

Guests of the Robert Gingerich family from Nov. 22 to Dec. 3, were John and Kath Barber of Hikurangi, New Zealand. Nicole was an exchange student to New Zealand and the Barbers were her host family. The Barbers are orchid growers and had been in Holland, Europe at a show which deals with the technology of their profession. They visited friends in England and then arrived in Grayling before returning home. Their stop here was to be a surprise, but someone in the family gave the secret away. They enjoyed the Thanksgiving festivities and reported that Nicole had done an excellent job while at their home, showing them how we celebrate the holiday. They enjoyed a trip to Bronners in Frankenthum and the excitement of preparing for Christmas, which they celebrate quite differently.

They made a trip to Sault Ste. Marie and the Upper Peninsular and experienced for the first time, driving in the snow storm that hit over the holiday.

Mary Jane Knibbs accompanied by her son and family, Jim and Cindy Knibbs, Natalie and Andrea, spent last weekend in Chicago visiting Dr. Linda Knibbs. While there, they attended *Les Miserables* and *Joseph's Coat of Many Colors*.

Howard and Gwen (Lozon) Hasslehun of Las Vegas and Bob and Emma Jean (Lozon) Huskin of Auburn spent several days in the Grayling area visiting their brothers. Their mother, Evelyn Lozon has moved to Petoskey and they went up there to visit her.

Thank you to my callers this week that have commented on their neighbors Christmas lights and decorations. Isenhauer Road is well lighted again, with many family members of the Millikins and Isenhauers and their neighbors homes all aglow.

Out in the subdivision near Roberts Road, Mike Shearer on Warner Drive has hundreds of lights and religious figures in the yard. Many of the other neighbors out there have lights and are continually adding to them.

Our neighbors down here in the river valley have been out lighting up the area again this year. So many homes are being lighted this year that it is going to be impossible for me to mention everyone. Homes that have been lighted other years have definitely added more decorations and lights to their homes, and there are a lot of new ones starting to put up lights. Some of the neighborhoods that we have noticed are the north end of Chestnut Street, sections of Michigan Avenue, parts of Maple Street, and in the north end of town whole houses are edged in lights. Grayling people, we are proud of you for carrying on the tradition of lights started by the downtown merchants.

Folks, get in your cars during these long winter evenings and take the kids for a ride and enjoy the beautiful city.

Frederic man deployed on USS Kitty Hawk

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class William C. Tomes, son of Albert J. and Carol J. Tomes of Frederic, is midway through a 6-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans with Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 134, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk.

Tome's unit is one of nine aircraft squadrons that are a part of the USS Kitty Hawk Battle group, consisting of three guided missile cruisers, a

guided missile frigate, an ammunition ship, a replenishment oiler and two attack submarines. The USS Kitty Hawk Battle Group deployment not only provides a forward deployed presence in an area of strategic importance, but it also reinforces our commitment to our Pacific allies.

Tomes and VAQ-134 have participated in a wide-range of exercises with the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force, Republic of

Korea's Navy and Royal Singaporean Navy. The ship and its crew members also joined with the Marines from the Third Marine Expeditionary Force in an exercise which highlighted the capability of a carrier to be a launching platform for airborne amphibious assaults.

Tome's squadron flies the Navy's EA-6B Prowler, which is capable of jamming enemy radar, providing an umbrella of protection for strike aircraft and ground troops. The twin-

engine Prowler carries a 4-person crew. The squadron is home based at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, WA.

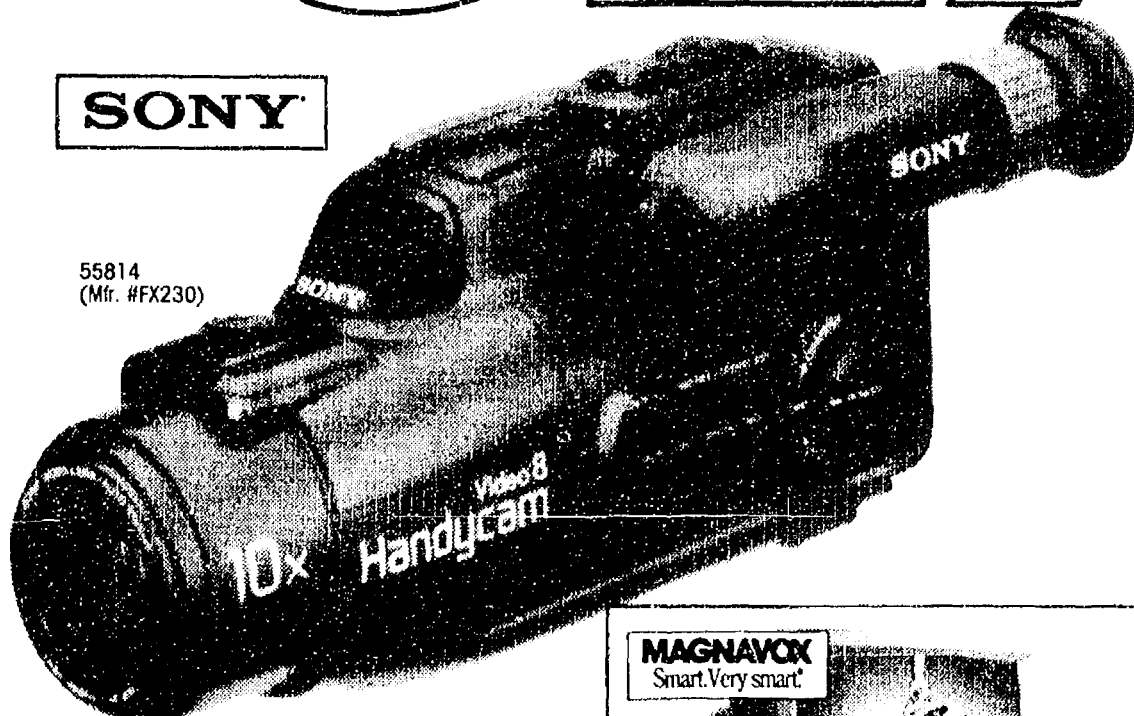
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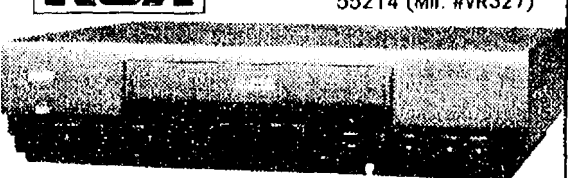
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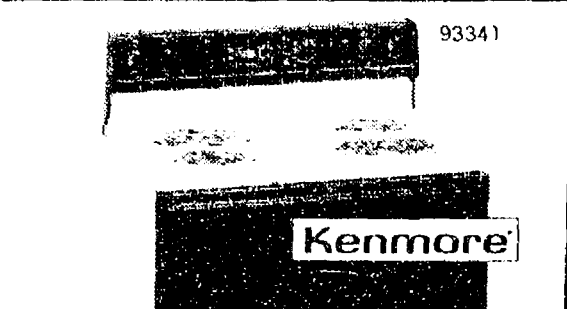


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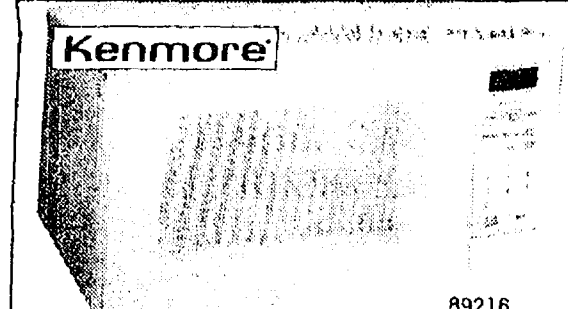
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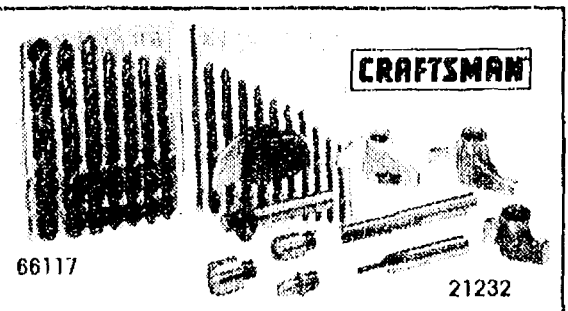
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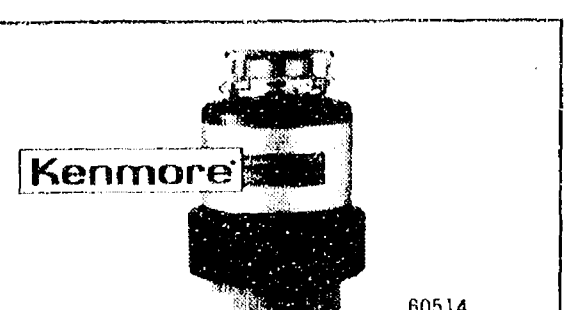
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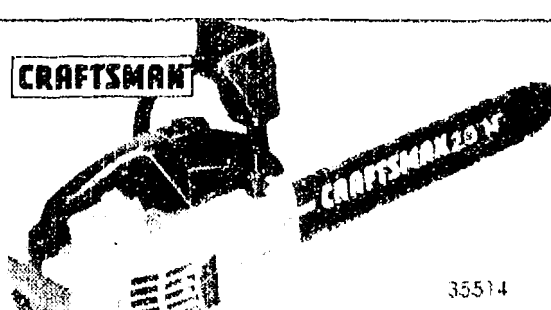
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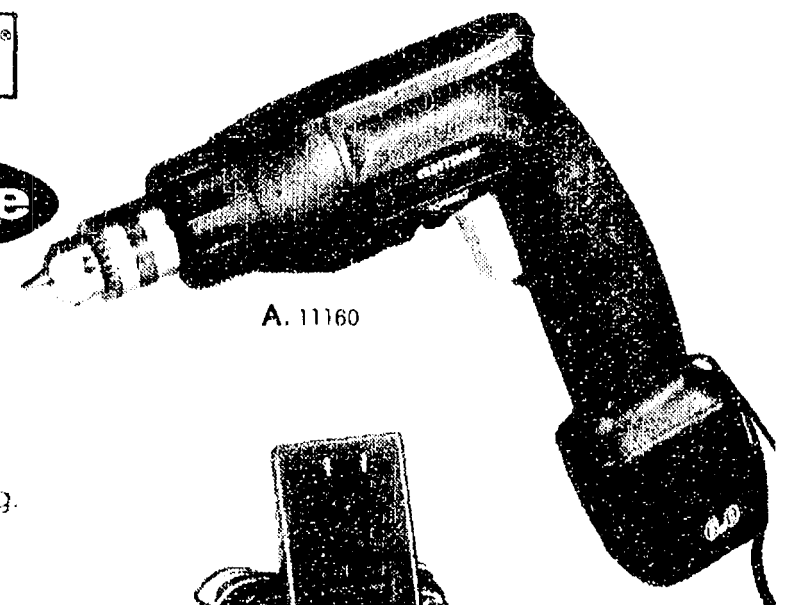
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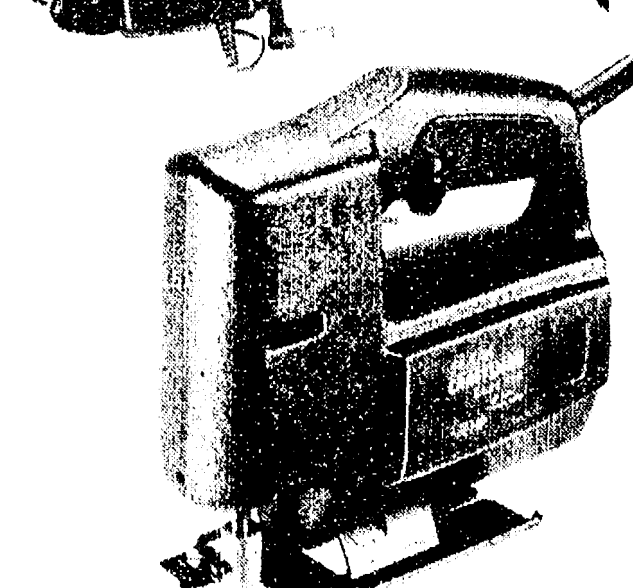
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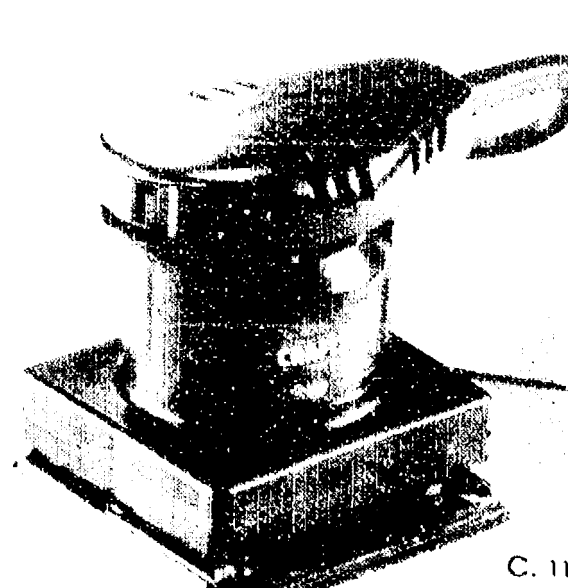
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By Charles Tinsley, Cadillac Social Security Representative

Beneficiaries should report change of address now

Did you change your address in 1994? If you're a Social Security beneficiary, be sure to notify the Social Security Administration (SSA) as soon as possible. If your benefits are directly deposited into your bank account, you may not have remembered to notify SSA when you moved.

Social Security needs your current address so you can receive agency notices about your benefits. At this time of year, it's particularly important that SSA has your correct address so you will receive your Social Security Benefit Statement (Form SSA-1099) promptly. You need this form to determine whether or not you will have to pay federal income tax on any benefits you receive in 1994.

In January, Social Security will send you a statement showing the total amount of benefits you received during 1994. The statement includes an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Worksheet (Notice 703) that provides step-by-step directions on how to determine if any of your benefits are taxable.

Beneficiaries who file an individual tax return will pay taxes on up to 50 percent of their benefit if their combined income is between \$25,000 and \$34,000. (Combined income is an individual's or married couple's adjusted gross income as reported on the IRS Form 1040, plus one-half of the total Security benefits received for the year plus non-taxable interest.) Married couples who file joint tax returns will pay taxes on up to 50 percent of their benefits if their combined income is between \$32,000 and \$44,000.

Beginning with the 1994 tax year, individuals whose combined income exceeds \$34,000 will pay tax on up to 85 percent of their benefits and married couples will pay tax on up to 85 percent of their benefits if their combined income exceeds \$44,000.

If you complete the IRS worksheet and still have questions, call the IRS toll-free number, 1-800-829-1040, for assistance. You also can call this number to request the leaflet, *Social Security Benefits and Equivalent*

Railroad Retirement Benefits (Publication 915), which contains tax information about Social Security benefits.

To report an address change, contact your local office at 1-616-946-8361 or

call the Social Security toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. any business day. The lines are busiest early in the week and early in the month, so it's best to call other times.

State police remind drivers to make holidays safe

With the holidays fast approaching, the Office of Highway Safety Planning is reminding motorists to drive sober and safe during the holidays.

Holidays are a dangerous time to be on the road due to the increased number of people driving. This past summer 39 people died in traffic crashes during the three holiday weekends, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day. Of those 39 people, over half did not use their safety belts and almost 50 percent of the crashes were related to alcohol use.

To combat traffic crashes this

season, a "1995 Holiday Safety Belt Enforcement" grant allocates money for extra police officers during the holidays. The grant went into effect this past summer, and the results were encouraging. In the summer of 1993, there were 99 people killed. In 1994, only 79 people were killed.

This holiday season the department of state police reminds motorists to buckle up and drive sober. It is hoped that increased enforcement will help make this holiday season the safest one yet.

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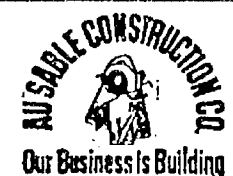
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D.N.R. moves to improve public image

By Heather McEvoy
Capital News Service

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wants to make peace with citizens who claim it is the most infuriating of all state departments.

The department no longer wants to be referred to as the "Department of No Response," so the environmental assistance division was established, said Guy Gordon, the DNR press secretary.

"This department can't turn around without making someone angry," Gordon said.

Among those topics of irritation in recent years, poachers complain about regulations on limited hunting seasons, others talk about overregulation of citizens' activities, and still others complain they never get straight and consistent answers from DNR officials.

He explained the department gets a bad reputation because it is required to enforce laws citizens often disobey.

"We want compliance, not punishment. We'd rather have them thrive and follow the law," he said.

The DNR holds primary responsibility of enforcing regulations on state lands and protecting the state's

valuable resources, said Michael D. Moore, DNR deputy director of resource management.

"We are required to enforce an innumerable amount of statutes," he said.

Moore explained this overwhelming and unpopular responsibility leads to conflicts between the DNR and the public.

"Somehow, the overall DNR has a difficulty with reputation," he said.

Gordon Guyer, Michigan Department of Agriculture director and former DNR chief, said the DNR reputation suffers considerably more than other state departments due to its extensive role in attempting to keep the state's citizens law abiding.

"We just have one lawyer for the Department of Agriculture and she's not very busy. When I was at the DNR, we needed 14 lawyers," he said.

Guyer said he tries to resolve conflicts before they result in lawsuits for the Department of Agriculture.

"If you complain, we come out and talk to both sides. Usually we can solve it right there," he said.

However, DNR officials claim they face more than simple complaints and lawsuits; there are ethical issues that need to be resolved.

A major problem the DNR faces is it has to justify the money it spends to Michiganians who care about the environment, but do not want to spend money to protect it, said Russell Harding, DNR deputy director of environmental protection.

"Seventy percent of the population considers themselves environmentalists, but when it comes to spending money on environmental concerns, there's less support," he said.

Harding said the DNR gets little general fund tax dollars, but many people still do not understand why so much energy and resources are spent on the environment.

"They want the environment protected, but they want us to do things that make sense," Harding said.

He said especially people in the Upper Peninsula, who wish to be independent of government control, feel invaded when the DNR steps in to do its job.

Moore agreed. But, he added that many U.P. residents believe the specialists the DNR send up to manage U.P. land is the best thing the state government has ever done.

"They say, 'We hate the DNR, but we love the DNR people,'" he said. Many people fight the presence of

outsiders telling them what to do in their backyards, said Richard D. Letts, a member of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission.

"You can't let people outside your community decide what's done in your neighborhood. They can't tell you how to sleep in your bed," Letts said.


The DNR now has an office designated to deal with improving communication and understanding between the DNR and Michigan citizens.

"We want to be more user-friendly," Gordon said.

The environmental assistance division, headed by Paul Zugger, can be reached at (517) 373-1449.

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The end to youthful drinking and driving begins at home

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Drinking and driving is a dangerous combination for anyone, anytime, any place. But for young drivers, the combination can be even more lethal. Alcohol-related crashes are the leading cause of death for people between the ages of six and 33. Of the 17,461 Americans who died in alcohol and drug-related crashes in 1993, more than 5,000 were under the age of 25.

Simply making sure that young people don't drink alcohol and drive is not enough to solve the problem. Parents, school officials, and communities must continue to ensure that underage youth do not drink alcohol. The task is far more complicated than it sounds.

For better or for worse, young people can be so persistent that exhausted parents give up and give in to their demands. Parents host parties and allow their children to serve alcohol, reasoning that at least an adult is around to stop kids from driving home. Still other adults assume that as long as their kids aren't doing drugs, just drinking alcohol, then somehow things will work out. What these adults may not realize is that by providing young people with opportunities to drink alcohol, they are condoning illegal behavior. And these adults may not realize that today, the risks associated with underage drinking extend far beyond what can happen when an impaired young person gets behind the wheel.

Alcohol makes it easy for anyone — child or adult — to take risks. As a

result, people who drink engage in risky behaviors whose consequences can be fatal.

Parents, teachers, community leaders, and organizations can help young people avoid drinking. Laws that make underage drinking illegal should be strictly enforced. Parents and communities can help children and teens recognize and resist forces that promote drinking: messages from role models, peers, and the media. Parents and communities can act. They can offer young people alternatives, such as alcohol-free community-sponsored parties.

This year, give the kids you love the gift of safety and long life: Don't drink and drive. Wear your safety belt and put infants and children in child safety seats. Your children and teenagers will be watching and learning — just as they always have.

This message is presented by New Life Community Service in conjunction with National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. Federal and state funding has been provided to support project costs.

Grayling woman completes international study in Norway

Karen Febey of Grayling, returned Dec. 29 after five months in Norway, Sweden, and Denmark as part of St. Olaf College's international studies program.

Febey, a political science major, is a junior at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. She started the Scandinavian Urban Studies Term, sponsored by the Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs, in August.

Febey stayed in Oslo, Norway, and took field trips to other Scandinavian capitals, smaller cities in Norway and cities in the former Soviet Union, learning about urban life, language and Scandinavian culture.

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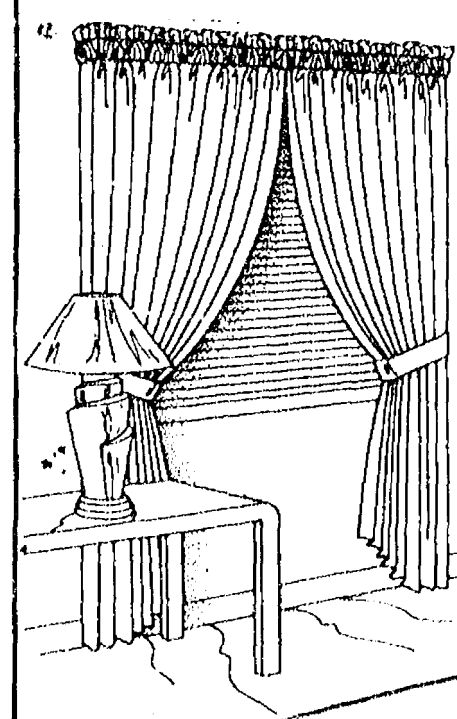


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Thursday, December 15, 1994

Ruth Caid is 'my teacher' to most county natives

by Don Geiss

If you speak to many mature people who are native to Crawford County about Ruth Caid, they will proudly say, "She was my teacher."

Ruth came to Lovells at the age of six months with her parents, Clarence and Emma Stillwagon, in 1906. She remembers that her father moved from West Branch to work as farm boss for his brother-in-law, T. E. Douglas. He told his wife that they would only stay one summer. Years later her mother remarked, "It's been a long summer."

In those days Lovells had its own elementary school and Ruth attended it for eight years. Of the Lovells School, Ruth recalled that it had 21 students the first year and Louise B. Niles was the first teacher. Ruth's aunt, Margaret Husted, took over as

the teacher during the fall of the first year. "My first teacher," she said, "was Julia McCormick." The teacher taught all eight grades and was also the janitor," she said.

During that time the sawmill came into its own as a major industry in Lovells and some of the workers boarded at the Stillwagon's bunkhouse. She remembers that her mother spent much of her time cooking different meals, for different shifts, at the same time.

Ruth said, "Children in those days had to find things to do on their own." "We went swimming at Shupac Lake as well as berry picking and played many games." In the winter, sleds were the favorite for children. Often the kids would throw a rope from their sleds over the back of logging sleds

and the sleds would tow them. To return, they simply hooked onto a sled going the other way.

During her seventh grade year, she had to take a state examination and pass it in order to continue onto high school. If the exam was passed, they did not have to repeat it in the eighth grade. They were then entitled to attend any high school in the state, tuition free. It was still necessary to board out, however, and Ruth was lucky enough to have an aunt in West Branch with whom she could stay.

During the summers, she worked as a waitress in the Douglas Hotel Restaurant in Lovells. Following high school, she attended Olivet College for two years and obtained her Life Teaching Certificate in 1926.

Thirty years later, after taking courses steadily at night and during the summers, Ruth received her Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University.

Shortly after, she was married to childhood sweetheart Edgar. Her first child, Margie, was born in 1927 and Edward (Bud) followed two years later.

At the present time she has 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She began her teaching career in West Branch but stayed only one year. Home was still in Lovells and she was to return there in 1936 and take over a classroom at the Frederic School.

Two years later, she and Edgar opened Caid's Grocery in Lovells. She remained in teaching, however, at the Frederic School. She said, "The store was built by a contractor with the help of neighbors in one day."

She is quick to point out that Edgar did all of the work at the store because she was teaching. She said, "I only helped a little during the summer."

During World War II the grocery store was closed and Edgar moved to Plymouth to work in a war plant. Ruth taught school through that fall, but moved to be with Edgar at Plymouth in the fall of 1943. They remained only one winter when the call of

Lovells was heard too loudly for them to stay away. In June of that year they reopened Caid's Grocery.

Ruth laughs now about the small income they made on the store. "During the winter," she said, "there was really only bread and milk sales."

At the same time that Ruth and Edgar reopened the store, she began teaching in the Grayling school system. She was to remain in that position until her retirement in 1971. Many of her former students remember her fondly. More than one of them has said, "She was the outstanding teacher in my school life."

Edgar's unfortunate passing in May of 1952, left the management of the store up to Ruth and her son Edward (Bud). They closed it under their management in December of 1952, but reopened again in April of 1953, with Ruth and Edgar's daughter, Margie, and her husband, Pat, at the helm.

Retirement would not come easy to a person who had been actively working all of her life and so Ruth has continued to work as a volunteer in a number of organizations. She attributes most of her interest in these groups to her mother's active life.

Ruth said, "My mother was active in everything." She began the Cheerful Givers Club in Lovells and that group is very active today. The first project they worked on was making layettes because the county health nurse needed them."

Many more stories and historical events remembered by Ruth could be related here, but suffice it to say that she could probably fill a thick book on her life. The highest compliment, though, was stated at the beginning of this story. Her many students remember her fondly as "my teacher."



FOUR GENERATIONS OF CAIDS--Ruth Caid (lower right) poses with her great granddaughter, Katy Paquette and (Back L to R) daughter Margie Harwood and granddaughter Cindy Paquette.

Shadow the cat was homeward bound

By Don Geiss

Shadow, a cat belonging to Angie Fisher, ran away and after a month had passed, was thought to be gone for good.

That statement is an over simplification of a story much more involved than a simple lost and found domestic animal tale. It is a story with a happy ending.

The Fisher family moved from Danish Landing at Lake Margrethe to Beaver Road in Beaver Creek Township. They carried the heroine of the story, Shadow, in an animal carrying case to the home. Her cage was opened and she promptly headed for the nearby woods.

"Hours of searching and days of waiting were in vain," according to Pam Fisher. The cat was thought to be gone for good. Fisher said, "After a month had passed we decided to get a new kitten for Angie to replace the one she had lost."

Fisher said, "The animal control people told us Shadow was probably

headed back to the old house at Danish Landing and that it would take a month or so for her to show up." She noted, "About a month and a half passed and one day Linda Albee, a neighbor at the old home, called and said that her husband, Dick, had seen a black cat in the area but it had disappeared."

"One morning three months later, our dog, Susie, began to bark frantically and when we opened the door, there was Shadow," Fisher said. She was very thin and looked much the worse for wear, she noted.

Fisher said, "The dog licked her all over as a welcome and so did our other cat, Hugo, but the new kitten was greeted by Shadow with nothing but growls as if to say, you do not belong here."

Now the Fishers have three cats and one dog. Angie is very happy that her cat has returned, and her parents wonder how a clawless cat with a bell around her neck managed to survive three months and find her way home.

The many faces of the spirit of Christmas



CHRISTMAS, A TIME TO SHARE, A TIME TO HONOR, A TIME TO LOVE--(Left) Theresa Kaiser of St. John Lutheran Church presents a check to Gerry Schroeder of the Crawford County Christian Cooperative Help Center in the amount of \$886. The money came from donations from the recent free Thanksgiving dinner at St. John.

(Above right) Tom Haskel of the Grayling Youth Booster Club presents a plaque and sweatshirt to Betty Barrett who was named the Booster Club Bingo Volunteer of the Year.

(Right) Children from Mrs. Rauch-Smocks Grayling Elementary School second grade class proudly display the Christmas gifts they chose for three senior citizens and three children. The class paid for the gifts from money they earned.



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CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

PageMaster is coming to the Rialto Theatre. Twenty-five students will win free tickets to see the movie. To enter the *PageMaster* drawing, children in grades kindergarten through fifth, are invited to read three books and drop off entry forms at the Grayling Middle School, Frederic Elementary School, Grayling Elementary School, Crawford County Library, Lovells Township Library, or the Frederic Community Library.

Students in grades kindergarten through fifth are also invited to answer the essay question, "How did the library change Richard Tyler's life in the *PageMaster*?" in 150 words or less.

The *PageMaster* drawing for 25 free tickets from the Rialto Theatre will be Dec. 21.

For more information, ask your librarian or call 348-9214.

Memorial books added to the collection at the Crawford County Library include:

In memory of Clyde Anthony, *The Masters of Golf* by Rich Mrazik.

In memory of Homer Annis, *American Work Trucks* by Whitey and Thelma Madsen.

Cornell Insurance Agency purchased *Blizzard's Book of Woodworking* for Benjamin Butts; *The New Deal* for Francis Barrett; *Hand Painted Textiles for the Home* for Margaret Boetcher; *Dixie River Jam* for Don Cragg; *Brother Wind* for Leona Cosgrove; *Storm Warning* for Sam Gust; *John F. Kennedy* for James Gunderson; *McNally's Caper* for Tom Jenkins; *Pet Owner's Guide to the Shetland Sheepdog* for George Klee;

King Arthur for Virginia Luks, *Winter Garden Glory* for Barbara Lam, *Wildlife Survivors* for Floyd Millikin and *Start Your Own Secretarial Business Service* for Christine Parker.

Mac's Drug Store purchased 1994 *Writer's Market* for Steven Kazup, *Beethoven Lives Upstairs* for Barbara Lam.

In memory of Jess Bennett, *New Country Music Encyclopedia* by Mac's Drugs; *Voices of D-Day* by Mary Jane Knibbs; *Hidden City* by Cornell; *Children of First Man* by Don Schanz; *Child; Debt of Honor* by Sharon Klinger and Carolyn DiPonio; *Great Lakes Coastal Plants and Pandas* by Bill and Gloria Kraus.

In memory of James Baker, *Nothing Lasts Forever* and *All Our Yesterdays* by Duley children; *Ghost Towns of Michigan* by Bob and Patty Holzman; *Fly Fishing with Children and White Stallions* by Harold and Sally Golnick; *Herman Melville and Learn to Sail* by Oliver and Caroline Hayes; *Dixie City Jam* audio, *Justice Denied, All Fall Down, Some of the Circus Haldeman Diaries, Intruders, 13th Juror, Outboard boater's handbook, How to Spot an Owl, Dictionary of Quotations from Shakespeare, Libya and Chronicles of King Arthur* by Grayling Post Office.

In memory of Cecil Canfield, *Voices and Silences* by Mildred Harmer, *What Makes a Monet and What makes a Rembrandt* by Barbara Nelson; *Sea Disasters* by Cornell and *Inside the Museum* by Fick and Sons.

In memory of Liwyn "Tony" Doremire, *New American Trout Fishing* by Butch and Mary Brown;

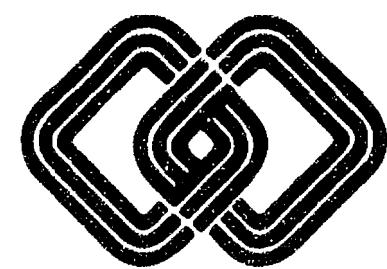
Gardening by Mac's Drug Store, *by Whitey and Thelma Madsen; Fine Wilderness First Aid and Hiker's Lines* by Bill and Gloria Kraus; and *Companion* by Grayling Country Club and *Wilderness Basics* by Whitey and Thelma Madsen.

In memory of DeVere Dawson, *Executive Etiquette in the Work Place* by Bill and Gloria Kraus.

4-H Woodcarvers



WALKING STICKS--Members of the 4-H woodcarvers recently completed the carving of walking sticks as their first project. Pictured with their sticks are (Back L to R) Josh Petrie, Dan Gwilt, Kyle Langseth, Nate Everson and (Front L to R) David Hawkins, Kane Madsen and Ryan Swope. Not pictured was Matt Verlac.



Davenport College Gaylord Center

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Purchasing	Tuesday	6:15-9:40 p.m.
Accounting I	Monday	6:15-10:00 p.m.
Principles of Management	Monday	6:15-10:00 p.m.
Small Business Management	Wednesday	6:15-9:40 p.m.
Interpersonal Communication	Wednesday	6:15-9:40 p.m.
Spreadsheet (Lotus 1-2-3) 5 Weeks	Tuesday	6:15-9:40 p.m.
Advanced Spreadsheet	5 Weeks begins 2/7 Tuesday	6:15-9:40 p.m.
Principles of Finance	Thursday	6:15-9:40 p.m.

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Workshop teaches how to talk so kids will listen

The MSU Extension/4-H will be holding a 6-week workshop based on the book *How To Talk So Kids Will Listen*. The goal of this workshop is to help parents, educators, youth workers, coaches and others to communicate more effectively with children of all ages.

This 6-week series will be held on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8 p.m. starting Jan. 9, 1995. Sessions will be held at the Crawford County Courthouse, downstairs, in the 4-H

meeting room.

The cost for the program is \$12 for a single person or \$18 per couple. Two paperbacks are also needed, which may be borrowed for the class, or purchased at the MSU Extension office for \$9.50 each.

The registration deadline is Jan. 5, 1995. The workshop size is limited to 12 individuals. To register, or for more information, contact the MSU Extension office at 348-2841, ext. 264.

HEALTHLINE

Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1 which serves, Wexford, Missaukee, Kalkaska, and Crawford counties. If you have a question you would like answered, please send it to Health Educator District Health Department No. 1, 401 Lake St., Cadillac, Michigan, 49601.

Question: I travel a lot in winter and know there are certain things to do to protect yourself in case of car trouble, unexpected blizzards, being stranded, etc. What precautions can I take to be prepared for the unexpected?

Answer: Michigan winters are often unpredictable and dangerous snow conditions can materialize unexpectedly. If you must travel, make sure someone knows your travel plans and the route you usually take. This includes travel routes to work as well as lengthy trips. Your car should be equipped with a safety kit in the event you become stranded. Include the following:

- A shovel and container of sand

or kitty litter in case your car is stuck in snow or on ice;

- A flashlight and extra batteries;
- A gas can for longer trips;
- A warm blanket, mittens, boots and hat;
- Dried fruit, nuts or candy to snack on;

- A small candle in a jar and matches. Placed on the dash in a stranded car, it can provide light and warmth; and

- A "HELP" sign to place in the car window.

Keep the gas tank full. If running the engine to keep warm while stranded, do so only intermittently, keep a window open part way, and make sure the exhaust pipe doesn't become blocked with snow. Don't leave your car to walk for help unless assistance is clearly visible in the immediate area.

Be prepared for all possible emergencies when driving in Michigan winters. Also, why not give a family member a car emergency kit for a Christmas gift. It could turn out to be the most useful gift they've ever received.

Local Weather Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Rain or snow	Snow on ground
12/7	29	38	t	1"
12/8	26	33	t	1"
12/9	28	22	0.01	.5"
12/10	29	18	0.02	1"
12/11	29	5	0.01	1.5"
12/12	19	4		1"
12/13	23	0		1"

Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Houghton Lake: Wednesday will be partly sunny, with the highs in the low 30s. Thursday calls for partly cloudy skies. The highs will be around 30, with the lows in the teens. There is a chance of snow for Friday and Saturday. The highs Friday will be in the 30s, with the lows in the 20s. Saturday's highs will be around 30, with the lows in the low to mid 20s.

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Computer technology making mega strides in Grayling

By Victor Edwards

"We felt it would be a big service to the community" is how Bud Morgan explained starting Hi-Tech Computers. "There was nothing like it in the immediate area and we're both experienced at it."

Located in the Grayling mini-mall, Hi-Tech Computers is one of Grayling's newest businesses.

Jeff Anderson, Morgan's partner in Hi-Tech said, "We can get just about anything for the PC."

Hi-Tech Computers offers a full and varied range of products and services for IBM compatible computers. Computer hardware (the actual machine and physical accessories) is available and covers the range from

basic machines to high end "screamers." Custom built computers are also available. First time computer purchasers now have the option of doing business locally, face to face, instead of ordering from a catalog, without sacrificing quality, service or money, according to Morgan.

Offering warranties, a full service in-store repair department and on-site installation of hardware, Hi-Tech provides a cost effective and professional alternative to mail ordering from catalogs or magazine advertisements.

With typical good humor, "unlike doctors, we make house calls," is how Morgan described the on-site installation program.

Anderson added, "If someone has two computers they wanted to network, we can provide all hardware and software needed, plus provide on-site installation and set up."

Anderson grew up in Redford Township and has been in Grayling over one year. He brings 11 years of experience to Hi-Tech that he describes as "mainly hands-on."

Morgan grew up in nearby Gaylord and moved to Grayling 10 years ago. His 12 years of computer experience began "with a Christmas present."

Apparently the local computer community thinks he knows what he is doing. Morgan is the president of the Grayling Regional Computer Club. Now in its fourth year, the club has

over 50 members. It meets the second Monday of each month at the senior citizens center. The club members range in experience from computer novice to "guru." Joining would be an excellent part of getting a new computer because of the club's emphasis on more experienced users helping novices, Morgan said.

The club is growing and sponsors the "Grayling Renegade" bulletin board (BBS), available 24 hours a day by calling 348-6660. Users of the BBS can access CD-ROM drives, over 60 games and thousands of shareware files.

Hi-Tech provides Grayling a second BBS. Available after 5 p.m. on weekdays, and all day on weekends

and holidays, the Hi-Tech BBS phone number is 348-1146. Prior to 5 p.m. on weekdays, this phone number is for the store's fax line. After 5 p.m., callers can access want ads, the North Net (echo mail for Grayling, Roscommon, Westland and Lewiston), place orders, leave messages and download shareware.

Both of these local bulletin boards are available at no cost.

The closest point for Internet, the worldwide information highway, access for Grayling, is through the Oscego County Library. Information on how to use the library's public access to the Internet is available from the Gaylord library at (517) 732-5841 or by seeing Morgan or Anderson. They can also help answer questions on how to temporarily disable call waiting so an on-line session does not crash.

According to Morgan, one of this season's hottest gift ideas is the compact disc (CD), used in a computer's CD-ROM drive. The most popular choice is a game CD. Full color and interactive motion with soundtrack are some of the reasons game CDs are so popular with the children, teens and young adults. With prices typically in the \$40 to \$50 range and thousands of titles to choose from, entertainment CDs are rapidly growing in popularity.

Educational CD-ROMs are also

gaining in popularity, especially with parents. A staggering amount and variety of reference material is available on CD, ranging from encyclopedia to atlases and medical texts. These multi-media tools are extremely useful.

"Must better than a book on a shelf. What easier way to do a report?" is how Morgan describes an educational CD's value. With service to assist in installing and using them, Hi-Tech offers thousands of CD titles of every type. They also have a good selection of software and CDs for children of all ages.

Any CD ordered by Dec. 20 should be delivered in time for Christmas.

"The best buy for the money in hardware is currently a 486 DX2 66 that is Pentium ready" according to Morgan and Anderson. With in-store demonstration models, customers can see how different configurations operate before purchasing. The most popular add-on option is a CD ROM. Morgan and Anderson offer this and other advice in a kindly manner with lots of patience. Their good natured demeanor goes a long way in soothing computer-induced anxiety.

Hi-Tech also carries a full line of popular Micro Soft products. With in-store repair facilities, custom-built hardware and a full range of software, Hi-Tech provides Grayling big city choices never before available.

Grayling area host families needed for foreign teens

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon into the Grayling area for second semester homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.


According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Spain, Germany, Poland, Russia, Finland, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay, Australia, New Zealand, Croatia and many other countries. P.I.E. has also been invited to participate in a special government-funded program to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union to the United States.

Grayling-area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll free, at 1-800-631-1818. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.



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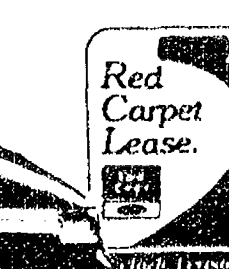
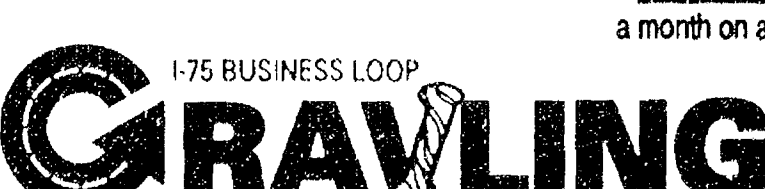
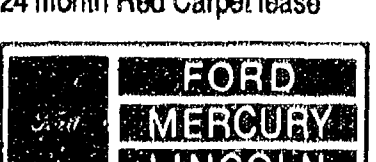
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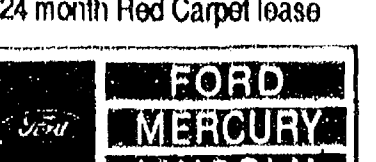
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Grayling Eagles #3465 distribute bingo proceeds



The Eagles distributed their Friday night bingo proceeds to several area organizations including the Grayling Special Olympics, Mercy Child Care Center, Grayling Youth Bowling Association, Crawford County Animal Shelter, Max Baer Heart Fund, and the D.D. Dunlop Kidney Fund. Pictured above (L-R) are Wally Mansfield, Bill Holton, Frank Kammer and Dan Burgess of the Grayling Eagles #3465.

Rotary Club scholarship applications available

The Grayling Rotary Club will accept applications for its educational scholarship, from individuals who have completed one year of college. Application forms may be obtained from any Rotary member or from the Grayling High School Counseling Department.

Individuals may be awarded this scholarship only once. Applications should be mailed no later than Dec. 31, to the Grayling Rotary Club, P.O. Box 373, Grayling, MI 49738.

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Meekness

Meekness is often equated with weakness. Success today is attributed to high self-esteem and self-assertion. True meekness is power under control. Being gentle and meek does not mean one is weak. Jesus Christ is the strongest person in the universe, yet He said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." (MAT 11:29) The greatest man of the Old Testament was meek. "Now the man Moses [was] very meek, above all the men which [were] upon the face of the earth." (NUM 12:3) Meekness characterizes Judeo-Christianity.

Meekness is essential as we approach God for salvation. (James 1:21) Meekness is a quality we should seek after. (Zeph 2:3) Meekness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. (Gal 5:22) Meekness is something we are to put on and follow after. (Col 3:12; 1Ti 6:11) Meekness is essential in restoring an erring brother. (Gal 6:1) Meekness

is essential in living by love. (Eph 4:2) Meekness is essential in dealing with those in rebellion. (2Ti 2:25) Meekness is essential when sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. (1Pe 3:15) Meekness is a sign of wisdom. (James 3:13) In short, meekness is essential in all our interpersonal relationships. (Tit. 3:2). Meekness brings many blessings. It "...is in the sight of God to great price." (1Pe 3:4) It brings contentment, reverence, and security. (Psa 22:26) It furthers God's instruction to us. (Psa 25:9) Eventually, it will bring earthly blessings. "But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace." (PSA 37:11) Meekness leads to increased joy. (Isa 29:19) Meekness brings us God's mercy. (Zep. 2:3)

"Meekness in the Greek is used to describe an animal which has been trained by its master. Wild and unruly animals are worthless but when trained they become meek, that is teachable and quiet. If we remember this background of the term we will see that meekness is strength under the

control of God and that gentleness is true power." "The true way to be humble is not to stoop until you are smaller than yourself, but to stand at your real height against some higher nature that will show you what the real smallness of your greatness is. — Phillips Brooks, 1872" (From the Bible Illustrator)

The history of the truly meek of Judeo-Christianity leaves us with an honorable heritage of divine strength and power. The meek may outwardly appear quiet, shy, timid, and reserved, but when called into action by the power of the Holy Spirit of God through the Holy Word of God, they are in Christ the strongest people on earth.

Pastor "B"

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Satellite dishes blossom as one drives round highways and hillsides. In these times of advanced technology, we view the entire world via invisible waves bouncing through the skies from state-of-the-art transmitters into our living rooms. Otherwise, we would feel isolated, our communication with the globe hazy at best.

Communication with God is similar, yet much simpler. Just extend your arms heavenward and send Him the supplications of your soul. Moreover, join with others each Sabbath at your chosen house of worship. In Exodus 22:27, God promises... "And he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate." Worship this week. Communing with God is "state-of-the-heart".

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Zephaniah 3:14-20	Isaiah 30:19-26	Isaiah 40:1-11	Isaiah 42:10-17	Isaiah 56:1-8	Psalm 16	Luke 1:5-25

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Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 p.m.

**Michelson Memorial
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Pastor Doug Paterson
400 Michigan Ave.
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 10:30-11 a.m.
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
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entrance road.
Church Service 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting Tues 7 p.m.

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
Old 27 North, 701 Grayling Rd.
Church - 348-8885
Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children Sessions 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
Zone 11, 106 James St. - Houghton Lake
Sunday Ser. & Sunday School, 11 a.m.
1st Wednesday (April-Oct.) 7:30 p.m.

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Jim Van Lier 348-7699
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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Wednesday 7 p.m.

**St. John Evangelical
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Preaching 11 a.m.
Midweek Service Prayer 7 p.m.

Gaylord Christian Reformed
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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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Wednesday 10 a.m.
Thursday 8 a.m.
Friday 8 a.m.
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Calvary Assembly of God
Rev. Lawrence Cook
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275-5309
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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.

Lovels Chapel
Pastor Gary Hopp
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Chapel Service 11 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7-8 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Mid-Week Services
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) ... 7 p.m.

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Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

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Pastor Dohn E. Weaver
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Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
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Pastor Lyle Stuber
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Sunday Morning 10 a.m.
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AuSable Valley Church Of God
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FREE: 6 1/2 MONTH OLD beagle pup, female, to good home, prefer hunter. 348-5365. -15/5

1990 SKI-DOO Excellent condition, electric start, liquid cooled, 1,100 miles. Great Christmas gift. \$2,800. Contact Rich's Cycle Shop, 348-9276. -15-22/5

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8. Announcements

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5. Steve Anderson is older than dirt!

Happy 40th Birthday
Steve Anderson
December 14th

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STIR-UPS RESTAURANT IN ROSCOMMON is closing for the winter. The owners of Stir-ups want to thank all of you who supported us this past year. It was fun and nice to meet all you good people. We wish you the merriest of holidays and a happy and prosperous new year. Hope to see you in the spring. Chuck, Millie and Charlie. -15/8

CRAFT SALE, BAKED GOODS Saturday, Dec. 17th, 10-6. Inside Lone Pine Restaurant. Quilts, toys, glass etchings, etc. -15/8

ST. FRANCIS HOLIDAY BAZAAR Friday, Dec. 9 and Saturday, Dec. 10, 9 to 5. Old-fashioned luncheon, 11 to 2. Bake sale, crafts, Christmas gifts and raffle. M-72 West, Grayling. -1-8/8

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9. Personals



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10. Garage Sales

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FAMILY AFFAIR CRAFTS AND THINGS Christmas open house. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in December, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Half mile south of M-72 East on Chase Bridge Road. -1-8-15/10

11. Automotive

1989 CORSIKA 4-door, 4-cylinder, excellent condition, low mileage, \$4,200. 348-1254. -15-22/11

'91 CHEVY S-10 4-door Blazer. 50,000 miles, automatic, power windows, locks, air. Good condition, \$12,900. 348-4831 or 348-9055 after 6. 11/24/94/11

1988 CADILLAC DEVILLE TOURING SEDAN 4-door, excellent condition, 115,000 miles, \$5,600. 348-8823 evenings. -8-15/11

1985 CHEVETTE Body good, engine needs work, \$150. 348-7751. -8-15/11

1982 BRONCO Full-size 4 w.d., heavy duty hitch, low mileage, a collector's car. 348-2351. -8-15/11

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A call for heroes, Michigan launches Guard's first marrow donor program

On March 26-27, Company F (Long Range Surveillance) 425th Infantry, became the nation's first Army Guard unit to participate in the Bone Marrow Donor Program. And achieving yet another first, Company F set a Department of Defense record: Nearly 80 percent of the unit had volunteered for testing.

For those who suffer from any of 60 fatal blood diseases, a marrow transplant offers the only chance of survival. People afflicted by diseases, such as leukemia, need marrow transplants to replace their own marrow, which is destroyed during chemotherapy treatment. But, only 30 percent of all patients can find a compatible donor from among their family members. Outside the family, the chances of finding an acceptable donor can range as high as one in a million.

The National Marrow Donor Program, through its national registry, can help reduce those odds by drawing on a bank of 1.1 million potential donors.

To be placed on the registry, would-be donors first undergo a simple blood test. The lab results from these tests are stored on a central computer. When a patient requests a marrow transplant, the computer scans its database to find a match. Once a likely match is found, the donor is contacted, and after more tests, the donor may be asked to donate a limited amount of marrow.

"In most active duty units, five to 10 percent of the available personnel choose to donate," said Hugh Hayes, senior recruitment specialist with the National Marrow Donor Program, "And before Company F, the highest I've ever seen is 27 percent. This is phenomenal."

What's the chance a soldier from Company F will get the call to become

a donor? Only about one in 10,000, Hugh said. Should a match be found, the potential donor would be asked to take a second blood test for verification. If the tests again verify the match, the donor would be flown to Georgetown University in Washington D.C. for the marrow collection.

The bone marrow is extracted from the pelvic bone by a syringe, under local or general anesthesia. The procedure takes about one hour to 90 minutes and the only after effects are some minor back soreness, which lasts one week to 10 days. Donors remain overnight in the hospital, with all medical and travel expenses covered by the National Marrow Donor Program.

According to Hayes, it's easy for Guard and Reserve units to participate in the program. The National Marrow Donor Program supplies the equipment and medical staff needed to conduct the blood tests. Or, units with assigned medics — such as Company F — may use their own personnel to draw blood. Many commanders prefer this arrangement since it provides unit medics with valuable hands-on training. (For a free videotape and information packet call 1-800-MARROW-3.)

In August of 1994, less than six months after Company F, 425th Infantry volunteered to participate, a match was found. Spec. Bryan Bradley was immediately flown to Washington D.C. where the procedure was performed. Bradley must now wait approximately one year before it's known if his bone marrow will take.

Since the Michigan Army National Guard first got involved with this program, inquiries have flooded in from the Air National Guard and the Army Reserves in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

DISTRICT COURT

Debra Keenan-McAllister, 34, of Gaylord, pled guilty to a charge of NSF Check Under \$50, and was fined \$155 or 14 days in jail. She was cited July 11, 1992.

Virginia Mae Helsel, 34, of Grayling, pled guilty to a charge of Retail Fraud 2nd Degree, and was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with credit for 30 days already served. She was cited Nov. 9, 1992, by the City Police Dept.

Ronald Junior Fink, 55, of Mt. Morris, pled guilty to a charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540 or 60 days in jail, placed on six months

probation, plus his license was suspended 90 days. He was cited Sept. 9, 1994, by the Sheriff Dept.

Wm. Ailan Charter, 32, of Roscommon, pled guilty to a charge of OUIL, and was fined \$640 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended six months. He was cited by the D.N.R.

Donald Mark Mass, Sr., 47, of Morgantown, NC, demanded a preliminary exam to Count I-Assault With A Dangerous Weapon and Count II-Carrying Concealed Weapon. A \$50,000 cash or surety bond was set.

LEGAL ACTION

Short Foreclosure Notice Crawford County

MORTGAGE SALE—Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: Kim J. Halstead and Dawn L. Halstead to Community Mortgage Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 5, 1992, and recorded on October 6, 1992, in Liber 348, on pages 574-578, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to Marathon Mortgage Corporation, a Michigan Corporation, by an assignment dated October 5, 1992, and recorded on December 15, 1992, in Liber 352, on Page 399, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY TWO AND 93/100 DOLLARS (\$43,962.93), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the Court Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on January 11, 1995.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Being part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 3, thence West along Section line 545.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence south 01 degree 34 minutes West, 550.00 feet, thence West 355.0 feet, thence North 01 degree 34 minutes East, 550.00 feet, thence East along Section Line, 355.0 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241s, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 29, 1994
Marathon Mortgage Corporation, a Michigan Corporation
Mortgagee
BORNSTEIN AND SCHNEIDERMAN, P.C., ATTORNEYS
17117 W. Nine Mile Rd., Ste. 1040
Southfield, MI 48075

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 94-3295-CH(D)
THERESA L. STONE and BRADFORD J. SLAGLE, Plaintiffs,

vs.
KATHY R. EVANS, a/k/a KATHY CROCKER Defendants.

CAREY & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
BY: William L. Carey P31602
Attorney for Plaintiff,
114 Michigan Ave., PO Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738 (517) 348-5232

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered in the above-entitled cause on the 31st day of October, 1994, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 6th day of January, 1995, at 10:00 in the forenoon, the following described property located within the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and being more fully described as:

Lots 10 and 11, Oak Acre Park, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Dated: November 8, 1994

CAREY & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
BY: William L. Carey P31602
Attorney for Plaintiff,
PO Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5232
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11. Automotive

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'91 CHEVY S-10 4-door Blazer. 49,000 miles, automatic, power windows, locks, air. Good condition, \$14,500. 348-4831 or 348-9055 after 6. 11/24/94/11

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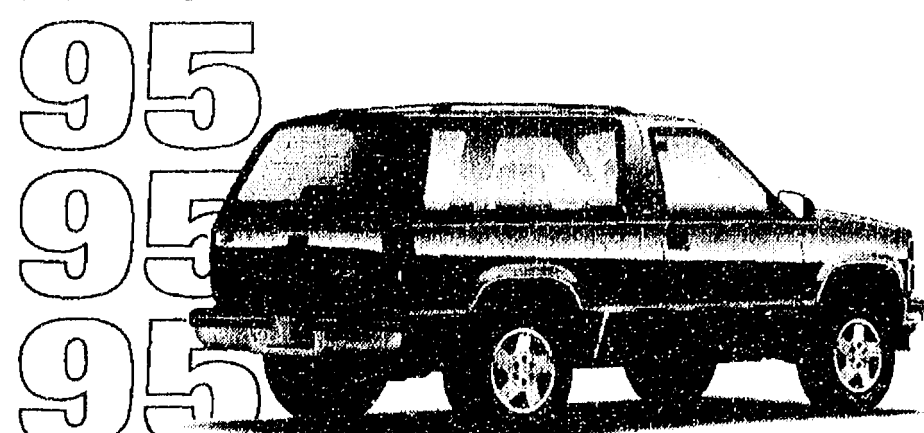
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LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE

A public hearing will be held by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners on Wednesday, December 28, 1994, at 10:30 am for the purpose of accepting oral and written comments regarding the adoption of a General Fund budget, Special Revenue Fund budgets and Debt Service Fund budgets. A summary of the 1995 proposed Crawford County Budgets listed above will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Crawford County Clerk on or after December 19, 1994. The public hearing will be conducted in the County Building, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan in conjunction with their regular meeting.

Elizabeth H. Wieland,
County Clerk
15-22

SYNOPSIS

Frederic Township Regular Minutes Nov. 15, 1994

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. All members present and eight citizens at various times. Motion made and seconded to accept minutes as read after correction. Motion carried. Motion made and seconded to accept Treasurer's report as read and approve payment of vouchers #13163-12233 in the amount of \$15,450.46. Motion carried.

Fire Department: Reported one P.I. accident. Motion made and seconded to allow up to \$3,000 for four new turn out gear. Motion

carried. Ambulance incident reports to be turned in every two weeks.

Library: Librarian Wargo spoke to the board about her holiday pay.

Circulation: October was 302. Supervisor has permission to see to any maintenance at Library.

Clerk Report: Clerk to contact Michigan Consolidated about future intentions for Township.

Correspondences: Abel Manufactured Housing, no action taken.

District Health Dept. #1, Need to update or abandon well in park. Motion made and seconded to abandon well. Motion carried.

N.E.M.C.O.G.: Motion made and seconded to join and use their programs for the amount of \$500 per year. Motion carried.

Dept. of Commerce: Grant approved in amount of \$399,650 for Storm Sewer and Street Improvement Project.

Michigan Equity Program: No action taken. Road Commission: Auction on 12/3/94 at 10 a.m.

Regional Cable T.V. Survey.

Natural River Program: Supervisor, Hulbert signed up.

Unfinished business: Community Law Enforcement Liaison Committee: Randy Black, Chuck Stoddard and Clem Sajdak stated they were interested.

Compensation Advisory Committee: Wage and Benefit Committee Proposal was submitted. After much discussion, decided to hold another meeting. Medical Insurance Ordinance has to be amended.

Employee Benefits: Table until next meeting. Garbage Pickup: Board to get prices on garbage pickup from three other firms.

New Business: Board of Review. Motion made and seconded to re-appoint Edward Dailey, Donald Geiss and Thomas Dawson for Board of Review. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Nancy L. Bindschatel
Township Clerk

Diem and Expenses: Long, \$64; Goodale, \$64; Coy, \$64; McLachlan, \$64; Smock, \$64; Mattis, \$64 and \$73.92.

Accepted 30 pieces of correspondence.

Adopted a resolution for adopting New MERS Benefits Program B for retirees.

Considered extending the Airport Zoning variance for five more years.

Denied the request of the Building & Zoning Director regarding employee status.

Approved up to \$50 for notices, handouts, etc. for the BDC Steering Committee and authorized the use of the County Building for its public meeting.

Agreed to submit a letter to each Township and the City indicating that if each unit will commit financial support at the percentage of their respective population for a Master Plan, the County will proceed.

Rejected the request of Grayling Township for funds to implement a county wide solid waste recycling program and requested them to submit their request to the Crawford County Solid Waste Planning Committee under P.A. 641.

Accepted the resignation of William Coy from Commissioner Dist. #3.

Approved a one time payment of \$6,000 each to the Prosecutor and the Assistant Prosecutor in lieu of any increase in salary approved since 1992.

Set the salary of the Confidential Secretary in the Prosecutor's Office at \$20,000 to compensate for loss of fringes.

Authorized the Prosecutor to hire a Special Prosecutor at a rate of \$100 per day for up to two Fridays a month, if needed for District Court cases during the period of the upcoming murder trial.

Authorized the Prosecutor to hire a part-time employee for up to two days per week during the period of the upcoming murder trial and up to one and one half weeks prior to said trial for training with no benefits.

Approved closing the County Building from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. on December 21, 1994 to accommodate our employees for their Christmas luncheon.

Encouraged Northern MI Substance Abuse Services to consider and support the grant application of New Life Community Services as the service provider for Crawford County.

Agreed to create a special Judicial Committee consisting of the Chairman and two additional Members.

Placed on record the last paragraph of Judge Richard Pajtas' opinion relative to the grand jury investigation.

Agreed to extend or carry over the same amounts from the 1994 General Fund Budget to the 1995 fiscal year with the exception of wages and fringe benefits.

Referred the request from Grand Traverse Area Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to the Crawford County Library Board for consideration.

Approved an increase in salary for the Housing Specialist/Inspector in the amount of \$750 retroactive for 1994.

Agreed to have the local real estate agencies establish a fair market value for the property owned by the County north of Grayling on Old US 27.

Adopted a resolution recognizing that district court has ratified and executed a collective bargaining agreement with AFSCME

for 1994 through 1996.

Agreed to pursue options available to the Board relative to retroactive pay increases if the County Employees Bargaining Agreement is not ratified prior to the end of the year.

Approved a salary increase for the Undersheriff in the amount of \$900 retroactive for 1994.

Meeting adjourned 11:37 a.m.
Elizabeth H. Wieland, County Clerk

SYNOPSIS

Crawford County Board of Commissioners Special Meeting Oct. 31, 1994

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the County Building, Grayling, MI. Commissioners present: Long, Goodale, McLachlan, Smock, Mattis. Commissioners absent: Coy. There were five visitors present at various times.

IN FORMAL ACTION,
COMMISSIONERS:

Increased the available time for use of the building for the exercise/jazz program to include Saturday mornings.

Adopted the following salary schedule for elected and appointed officials and salaried employees for 1995: Circuit Judges-state pass through, District Judges-state pass through, and Probate Judges-\$29,000, Prosecutor-\$42,800, Sheriff-\$33,000, Treasurer - \$33,000, Clerk/ Register of Deeds-\$33,000, Magistrate-\$27,700 including weekend arrangements and retroactive for 1994, Juvenile Agent-\$27,100 including weekend duties, Undersheriff-\$30,900, Central Dispatch/Emergency Management Director-\$24,500, Assistant Prosecutor-\$42,400 and retroactive for 1994, Equalization Director-\$26,800 and retroactive for 1994, Building & Zoning Director-\$21,300, Probate Register-\$19,000 and retroactive for 1994, and Prosecutor's Secretary-\$18,000.

Elizabeth H. Wieland, County Clerk

REGISTRATION NOTICE

SPECIAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1995

To The Qualified Electors:

OF THE SEVERAL TOWNSHIPS AND CITY OF GRAYLING
IN THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, STATE OF MICHIGAN

AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS WILL BE OFFERED:

AIRPORT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

SHALL THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1995, BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY AND COLLECT ONE-HALF (1/2) OF ONE MILL ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY, REAL AND PERSONAL, LOCATED WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY AS OF DECEMBER 31ST OF THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR, WITH AN ESTIMATED REVENUE INCREASE PER YEAR OF \$147,000 FOR THE PURPOSES OF OPERATING AN AIRPORT AND DEVELOPING AN AIR INDUSTRIAL PARK ON APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE GRAYLING ARMY AIR FIELD, SPENDING NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE TAX COLLECTED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS WITH THE REMAINDER TO BE SPENT IN SUPPORT OF AIRPORT OPERATIONS?

DIAL-A-RIDE MILLAGE PROPOSAL

SHALL THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD INCREASE THE TAX MILLAGE UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY, REAL AND PERSONAL, LOCATED WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY AS OF DECEMBER 31ST OF THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR, FROM THREE QUARTERS (3/4) OF A MILL TO ONE AND ONE-QUARTER (1 1/4) MILLS WITH AN ESTIMATED REVENUE INCREASE PER YEAR OF \$147,000, FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICES OF SEVEN (7) DAYS PER WEEK PROVIDED BY THE CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY WITHOUT AN INCREASE IN THE USER FARE RATE AND WHICH INCREASE SHALL REPLACE THE CURRENT THREE-QUARTERS (3/4) OF ONE (1) MILL?

COUNTY TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION

I, Joseph V. Wakeley, Treasurer of Crawford County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of December 7, 1994, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in Crawford County, Michigan is as follows:

By Crawford County: .50 Mill - Commission on Aging - No Limit
.75 Mill - Public Transportation - No Limit
.25 Mill - Recreation - thru 1995

By Beaver Creek Twp.: None

By Frederic Twp.: 2.00 Mills - Fire - 1992 thru 1996
2.00 Mills - Garbage Collection - 1992 thru 1996

By Grayling Twp.: None

By Lovells Twp.: 1.00 Mill - Landfill - No Limit

By Maple Forest Twp.: 1.25 Mills - Emergency Service - 1992 thru 1995

By South Branch Twp.: 1.00 Mill for Operation - No Limit

By Crawford AuSable Schools: 18.00 Mills - Operation - 1992 thru 1996

By Gerrish Higgins Schools: 18.00 Mills - 1994 thru 2003

By Gaylord Community Schools: 18.00 Mills - 1994 thru 2003

Date: December 7, 1994

Joseph V. Wakeley, County Treas.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT MY OFFICE:
DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS

December 27, 1994 - Last Day

FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION
OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS IN SAID TOWNSHIP OR CITY.

LOCATION OF REGISTERED TO VOTE:

Electors who wish to register with the County or Township Clerk are advised to call ahead for office hours.

Sharon K. Hartman, Beaver Creek Township Clerk - 275-8878
Nancy Bindschatel, Frederic Township Clerk - 348-8778
Monica S. Ashton, Grayling Township Clerk - 348-4361
Cheryl Hopp, Lovells Township Clerk - 348-9215
Susan Keene, Maple Forest Township Clerk - 348-9801
Mary Molon, South Branch Township Clerk - 275-8232
Jerry Morford, Grayling City Clerk - 348-2131

SYNOPSIS

Crawford County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Nov. 16, 1994

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the County Building, Grayling, MI. Commissioners present: Long, Goodale, McLachlan, Smock, Mattis. Commissioners absent: None. There were eight visitors present at various times.

IN FORMAL ACTION,
COMMISSIONERS:

Accepted the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Oct. 19, 1994, with minor corrections.

Accepted the minutes of the Special Meeting of Oct. 31, 1994, as presented.

Accepted the Ways and Means Committee report and approved payment of the following vouchers: General Fund vouchers in the amount of \$130,589.93, GET GEM vouchers in the amount of \$12,835.14, and Commissioners Per

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Local Resident.....		\$16.00						
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College Student.....		\$10.00						
Senior Citizens receive		extra \$1.00 discount						

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PAGE FEATURE

VERSE OR WORSE

By Joe Murphy

The Trapper

While I was pawing through the dump one day
I made what I thought was a real find
Two rusty weak springed animal traps I found
And dreams of a fortune trapping filled my mind

Some old copies of the hunter, trader and trapper
Would supply me with the how to do it lore
When my folks saw all the money I'd be making
I wouldn't have to go to school anymore

My dad said seven was too young to carry a gun
But I worried about what I'd do if I caught a bear
Maybe if I shot real careful with my BB gun
I would get a real bearskin coat right there

I boiled my traps adding maple bark
Which turned my rusty traps a nice black
Then I started checking in the woods
Hoping to find an animal track

I waited until October to start trapping
When those animal hides would be prime
I figured with all the skinning and stretching hides
For school I'd have no time

I was up early to go check my trap line
The mighty trapper with BB gun in hand
Why there was an animal in my trap
Things were going just like I planned

I walked right up feeling mighty proud
Then my dreams of fortune went ker-plunk
For I got sprayed from head to foot
By a now fast departing skunk



MAXINE NEEDS A HOME--Maxine is a 5-year-old female springer spaniel. She would make someone a nice pet. If you would like to give her a home, or any of the other animals at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, stop by or give them a call at 348-4117.

PET CARE TIPS

If your dog is going to live outdoors, she should have a house that is built for the climate she lives in. In Michigan, your dog's house should have only a minimum of circulating air and should be well insulated on all surfaces, including the roof and floor. The house should stand above the ground on legs or bricks, and it should have a door that swings both ways.

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS

ACROSS

1. Linger
4. Foie
8. Poem
11. English beer
12. The best
13. Teachers' Org.
14. Observed
16. Bury
18. Base
19. Rigged boat, pl.
20. "Wind indicator"
23. Gash
24. Part of speech
25. Level
26. South Dakota, abbr.
28. Worthless bit
29. Part of auctioneer's cry
30. Enemy
31. Lindbergh's book
32. Thrown
33. Ten cents
34. Band
35. H₂O
36. Protect
39. Tiger, e.g.
40. Wading bird
41. One in charge
45. Card game
46. Edit
49. Voter's yes
48. Shade tree

50. Finished
51. Observe
- DOWN**
1. Statute
2. Pie mode, 2
3. Obtain
4. Enlarged
5. Color
6. Alcoholics anon.
7. Beaming
8. Upon
9. Profound
10. Cereal spikes
12. Food
15. Family group
17. Memo
19. Argot
20. Winter precipitation

21. Rent
22. Groove
23. Propel
25. Beat
26. Sundry
27. Cervine animal
29. Gleamed
30. Proper
32. Unconfirmed
33. Facts
35. Baton
36. Omit
37. Antiseptic, mercury
38. Out of
39. Flog
41. Adult males
42. Fuel
43. Look at
44. Sheepfold
47. Mossi language



A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 years ago Dec. 16, 1971

Two Grayling 1967 graduates, each serving in separate branches of the Armed Forces, recently had the opportunity to meet on the island of Taiwan for three days of rapping, sightseeing, etc.

Dale Slusser is presently serving with the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Goldsborough, while Mike Roper is stationed with the Air Force in Taiwan.

Army Captain Joseph A. LaGrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. William LaGrow, 100 Michigan Ave., recently received the Bronze Star Medal in Vietnam. Capt. LaGrow received the award while assigned as commanding officer of Area Communications Center Company in Vietnam.

An International Rotary Club has been formed in Grayling with 23 members meeting last Wednesday noon, to elect officers and members to the board of directors.

The club will meet each Wednesday noon at 12:15 at the Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel.

Officers elected last week were: President, Robert Gottfried; vice-president, James Crawford; secretary, Loren Goodale; and treasurer, Ted McEvers.

Named to the board of directors were: 3-year term, Clyde Borchers, Robert Gottfried and James Crawford; 2-year term, Dennis Freeman, Wayne Andrews and Ted McEvers; 1-year term, Larry Mattis, Robert McLachlan and Loren Goodale.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack DeHart of Grayling, are the parents of a son born on Dec. 8, and named Chris E.

Born on Dec. 9, to Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison of Grayling, a daughter named Stacie Lynn.

Local students home from college for the holidays include Candy Henig, Nancy Hanson, Jane Pettengill, Mary Ann Gohiro, Don Elsen, and Roger McEvers, all from Michigan State; Mike Anthony and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dawson, all from Ferris State; Kathy Marshall from Northwestern; and Sally Behow from Alma College.

Gov. William Milliken has disclosed the basics of his proposed education-tax reform program.

In brief, the plan would reduce property taxes, lead to an increase in income taxes and result in state-wide distribution of school funds on the basis of an equal amount for all children.

It is expected that while property taxes may be reduced, in many cases by half of what they are now, the program would result in an increase of about three percent in the state income tax—raising the total to almost seven percent.

Grayling will be represented in a Junior High Holiday basketball tournament to be held at Wolverine High School on Dec. 20, 21 and 22.

This is the first year Grayling has participated in such a tournament. The 12-man team includes: eighth graders, Justin Potter, John Hoffman, Craig Hinkle, John Scheer, Jim Brown, Scott Hanson, Tom Haskel, Scott Montague, Jim Fox and Dave Malinowski; and seventh graders, Doug Sajdak and Al Johnston.

46 years ago Dec. 16, 1948

W. J. Imeson, district manager of the Tri-County Telephone Company, advises that the company is completing the installation of connecting equipment, which will increase the capacity of the present equipment 30 percent.

Postmaster James McDonnell calls attention to the fact that effective Jan. 1, 1949, there will be an increase in postal rates and lists some of the important changes. There is no change in the present letter rate of postage which is (first class) rate of three cents per ounce or fraction thereof. Air mail in the U.S. and possessions will go from five cents to six cents per ounce.

On Monday night, Dec. 20, at 8 p.m., the more futile aspects of basketball will be exposed to public view when the Grayling High School faculty clashes with the Veteran's Institute in a donkey basketball game for the benefit of the high school athletic association.

Flames destroyed a factory building owned by Nels Olson of Grayling at Mancelona last Wednesday afternoon. The building, then occupied by the Schaffer Manufacturing Company, was totally consumed. The occupying concern manufacturing wreaths and decorations had recently started this season's operation.

The home of Mrs. Alfred Sorenson was attractively decorated in the Christmas motif on Monday evening when she was hostess to the Woman's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Holden of

Owosso spent a few days with the latter's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Post and family. Charles Post is entertaining his brother, George Post, of Spokane, WA. They hadn't seen each other for 21 years.

Mrs. Clayton McDonnell entertained seven little folks on Wednesday, Dec. 8, in celebration of the birthday of her daughter, Carol Ann. The children played games at which Jerry Lovely, Marie Akers and Carol Ann won prizes.

Hans Peterson spent last week in Ann Arbor attending a conservation meeting and he and Dr. Leonard Allison are spending this week at the conservation school at Higgins Lake for the same purpose.

Jimmy Bond returned to his home from Munson Hospital in Traverse City, on Sunday. Jimmy wants folks to know how pleased he was with their thoughtfulness in sending gifts and cards during his stay.

Linda Lou Smock was six years old on Friday and her mother, Mrs. Don Smock, entertained a number of her friends with a party to celebrate the occasion. The children played games and Karen Hanson and Nancy Hubbell won prizes.

Mrs. June Gross, George Bastian, Marvin Bielski and Bradley Stephan entertained patients at the Gaylord Sanatorium with Christmas music on Sunday.

Club 9 met at the home of Mrs. E. Smith on Tuesday evening for a Christmas party and to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Liland Smock. The group enjoyed a potluck dinner and exchanged gifts.

Mrs. Joe Bielski and sons, Richard and Marvin, Mrs. Geo. Bielski, Mrs. Fred Niederer, and Mrs. Nyland Houghton spent Monday in Traverse City.

The first winter scene was a cutter ride by Lyle Dunckley and his white mule, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Szkotnicki announce the arrival of a daughter, Yvette Charlotte, at Mercy Hospital on Dec. 11. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Stephan are the happy grandparents. Mrs. Vern Gardner was hostess to a shower at the Hayloft recently to honor Mrs. Szkotnicki.

The Kaisers have moved in their new home and enjoying the same.

Several little friends helped Alfie Hummel celebrate his birthday, Saturday.

Fred E. Hart of Owendale, visited old friends at Frederic this week. He will be remembered as our local minister here about 20 years ago.

69 years ago Dec. 17, 1925

Newly elected officers at Grayling Lodge F. and A.M. are as follows: W.M., Harold Jarmin; S.W., Julius Jensen; J.W., Clayton D. Straehly; S.D., Clark Yost; J.D., Oscar Swanson; Secretary, Carl Peterson; treasurer, R. D. Connine.

Mrs. L. J. Kraus received word Monday that a baby girl had been born to Mr. and Mrs. Burton Graham of Durhand. Mrs. Graham (Hazel Hurst) is a sister of Mrs. Kraus and at one time lived in the Kraus home.

A dispatch from East Lansing to the *Detroit Free Press* on Dec. 12th, gives Miss Alice Harrison of this city as holding the highest honors during her junior year at Michigan State College in the liberal arts division.

Andy Hart was 60 years of age last Friday and to celebrate the momentous occasion invited in a number of friends to his home for evening dinner. The banquet was served by Mrs. Edwards, assisted by Mrs. Edwin S. Chalker and Mrs. John Speck. There were 19 guests present and left Mr. Hart a handsome Masonic ring which was pleasantly presented by Melvin A. Bates.

The basketball girls lineup for the Roscommon game Friday night as follows: Luella Tiffin, jumping center; Ruth Chamberlain, running center; Florence Lindahl, guard; Gertrude Loskos, guard; Azilda LaGrow, forward; Beatrice Trudo, forward. Boys lineup: Robertson, center; Trudo, forward; Bidvia, forward; Stephan, guard; Brown, guard.

Mrs. Elna Hemmingson of Mt. Pleasant is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Fred Hanson.

Mrs. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson are the proud parents of a daughter, Natalie Corinne, born on Dec. 4. Mrs. Johnson was formerly Miss Dorothy Peterson. Jens Jorgenson, a resident of Grayling for 39 years and a well-known citizen passed away at his home here, Monday evening.

The children of St. Mary's parish this year will be given a Christmas treat in the form of a theater party when they will see Charlie Chaplin in *The Pilgrim* at the Grayling Opera House.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Forecast For: December 18 - 24, 1994

ARIES
March 21-April 19

The time has come to make a decision. Don't wait for someone else to do it for you. Call your own shots.

TAURUS
April 20-May 20

Show initiative at work. Your ideas are as good and maybe better than those of others. Share your experience.

GEMINI
May 21-June 20

Put your heart into your short-term goals; but, be realistic with your expectations. Not everything will pan out as you expect.

CANCER
June 21-July 22

Your irresistibility will create an interesting scenario. Don't let it go to your head! Enjoy the moment.

LEO
July 23-Aug 22

A mutual attraction exists with another Leo. It is only natural to be interested in someone who shares your concerns.

VIRGO
Aug 23-Sept 22

Don't let the holiday festivities intrude on your day-to-day tasks. Be prompt and extra cautious on the job.

LIBRA
Sept 23-Oct 22

Spotlight your creativity. Invite friends and family to enjoy your culinary feats. New friendships may evolve.

SCORPIO
Oct 23-Nov 21

Don't overlook your elder friends this Christmas. While the little ones are on Santa's list, give a little extra time to a homebound senior citizen.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 22-Dec 21

Family celebrations may get out of hand. You will need to stay on your best behavior to get through some trying moments.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22-Jan 19

A leadership role may be offered to you. Give grave consideration to the consequences. Is this what you really want?

AQUARIUS
Jan 20-Feb 18

Be creative when dealing with problems at home. Family members are apt to "over-indulge". Be more health conscious.

PISCES
Feb 19-March 20

Keep your eyes open while Christmas shopping and don't overlook the needy. Christmas comes in many colors.

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Home for the Holidays

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To enjoy the lifestyle of a Northern Michigan trout stream community to its fullest, you'll want to shop at the Fly Factory, at the AuSable River Bridge in downtown Grayling.

The Fly Factory has a wonderful assortment of fishing and fly-tying supplies, clothing, wildlife art, gifts and books about the outdoors.

Beautiful artwork, featuring original water colors and limited edition prints by Michigan artist David Rulmold, highlight a large selection of river and wildlife artwork by many artists that would enhance any living room or den.

Rugged, quality outdoor wear by Filson (made in the U.S.A.) will always keep you warm in the coldest of Michigan winter weather, and Filson clothes will stand up to heavy use year after cold year.

The Fly Factory specializes in a full-line of fly-fishing equipment for beginners through expert and the professional staff can even provide you with fly-fishing instruction.

Does a gift certificate for a guided AuSable riverboat fishing trip sound like something the fly-fisher in your family would like to find in his or her stocking on Christmas morning? The Fly Factory can guide you down the famous AuSable or Manistee Rivers to where the trophy fish can be found. If you're not a fisherman, how about a guided camera trip? AuSable riverboat or wading and fly-fishing instructional guided trips are available at the Fly Factory year round.

The Fly Factory can even outfit you with a complete fly-tying setup and instruct you in developing your own skills.

The Fly Factory has beautiful gifts for every budget that will surprise and delight every member of your family.

Steve and Cecilia Southard and their family are your hosts at The Fly Factory. They invite you to stop by to experience the tradition of a Northern Michigan trout stream lifestyle.

The Fly Factory is located on the I-75 business Loop at the AuSable River Bridge in downtown Grayling.



M & M Crafts/Mary's Corner Book Swap

When you shop at M & M Crafts/Mary's Corner Book Swap, you get your shopping done at two stores with just one stop. The front portion of the store offers books, new and used for both children and adults, including craft books. Special orders are no problem.

The back portion of the store is where you'll find the unique combination of gifts that can't be found anywhere else.

Mary's Corner Book Swap offers a good selection of books with a trade-in option. Browse through the selection to find just what you need for a cold winter's night of fun and entertainment.

M & M Crafts is filled with unique gifts from all over the globe. Handcrafted sweatshirts created by a fashion designer from Washington, jewelry from Africa, apple carvings from Wisconsin, and Russian crafts are just a sample of the variety of items you'll find at M & M Crafts.

From handmade dolls to handmade tables, you'll be surprised by the variety. If you collect anything, chances are you'll find the perfect addition to your collection at M & M Crafts.

Limited edition teddy bears and Heritage decoys is only part of the treasures you will find. Handcarved Santa Claus figurines and homemade Christmas ornaments would be great additions to anyone's holiday displays. Centerpieces, table cloths, dolls, carvings, wreaths and baby clothes is just part of what is on display.

A hand carved, hand painted wooden sleigh is the highlight of the window display at M & M Crafts. The workmanship and care that went into making it is clearly evident.

Every corner, every shelf has something new and wonderful to look at. Rag dolls sit on shelves, teddy bears of all shapes, sizes and material are scattered throughout the store.

The Christmas decorations are beautiful, well worth the stop to see. M & M Crafts has more to offer than you might think. Paintings, needlework, carvings, and jewelry is all on display. Work by local artists can be found at the store also. Some items contain a little note from the artist who made it describing the care they took in creating it.

M & M Crafts stop in and recapture your childhood wonderment at all the delightful Christmas items to be found. Your sure to find everything you need for anyone on your shopping list.



Crawford County Avalanche

The Crawford County Avalanche has been a respected neighbor in the Grayling community for nearly 116 years.

Through those years the Avalanche has kept you up to date on the news that you've wanted and needed to know. It has provided local businesses with a forum to promote their wares.

Whether looking for bargains or looking for local news, the Grayling area has always known it could find it in the Avalanche.

But, did you know the Avalanche is also a business within a business that provides other vital products and services to the community?

We can help you custom order business forms, stationary or special invitations for any occasion. With hundreds of samples from which to choose, you'll be able to find exactly what you want, not settle for something less.

Whether it's a wedding, graduation, birth or any other special occasion, the Avalanche can provide invitations, monogrammed napkins or tablecloths to make the celebration perfect.

Custom business cards, carbon or carbonless forms, letterhead and receipts all available at the Avalanche.

The Avalanche can also meet your needs with rubber stamps or magnetic signs.

"Your Hometown Newspaper," is much more than news and advertising. Stop by the Avalanche the next time you need a specially printed item.

And don't forget, the Christmas gift everyone wants, especially those far away who want to keep informed, is a subscription to the Avalanche.

The Crawford County Avalanche is located at 102 Michigan Avenue in downtown Grayling.



Gifts for Nature Lovers

If you have someone on your shopping list whom you just can't seem to find the right gift, maybe you haven't looked in the right spot. Try looking at the Crawford-Roscommon Soil and Water Conservation District on Lake St. in Roscommon.

They have great gifts for the fisherman or hunter in your life. The District has books on Michigan fish, birds, trees and plants that make great gifts for hikers and other outdoor enthusiasts too. The books are an inexpensive gift priced from \$2 to \$18.

The Crawford-Roscommon Soil and Water Conservation District has lake inventories for Higgins, Houghton, Marl, Margrethe and St. Helen, a perfect gift for any fisherman. Bluebird nesting boxes, suet bird feeders and wildflower seeds are also available.

If you still aren't sure what the outdoor enthusiasts on your list would like, ask Mike Brown, forester, about gift certificates for trees and shrubs available for Spring planting. Tree planting spades and acorn planters are also available and would be a great gift.

The Crawford-Roscommon Soil and Water Conservation District has a full color brochure available featuring great gifts to order, such as mushroom pots, habitat kits, Shilitake growing logs, grapevines, bird and bat house kits and feeder kits.

Property owners would love to get an aerial photo of their land. Aerial reproductions of each one mile square for most Crawford County townships and all of Roscommon County are available to order. For just a few dollars, you have a very personal gift for the landowners on your list.

The Crawford-Roscommon Soil and Water District offers a lot more than you might think. Don't overlook their great gift selection. Stop in today and be surprised by what they offer. Barb Stauffer, administrator, will be happy to help you find the right gift.



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